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Grand dragon in Mississippi

KKK deposes Jewish leader

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has deposed its grand dragon in Mississippi because he was born a Jew, according to KKK officials.

Jordan Gollub, from a Philadelphia Jewish family, was removed from the Christian Knights by Virgil Griffin of Mount Holly, NC, national head of the white supremacist group.

"I just felt it was best to get a new grand dragon for Mississippi," Griffin told the Associated Press. He said Gollub's removal "mostly concerned his Jewish background."

Gollub now says he will form his own Klan.

This is not the first time Gollub has been ousted. Gollub resigned from the Christian Knights in 1985, when he was a grand dragon in Virginia, following a feud with Griffin that came on the heels of reports of his Jewish birth.

It was reported that at the time, Griffin had allowed Gollub to stay on because of the good job he was doing. Gollub resigned in December 1985, after griping about the Klan's lack of organization.

During the time of the feuding, Griffin wrote in a letter, "You used and abused the klanspeople and their money in Virginia, and then slandered the Christian Knights in the newspaper, which in all respects would constitute banishment forever from the Klan organizations in the United States of America."

But Gollub was reinstated, as recently as December 1988, for unknown reasons.

Pat Clark, director of Klanswatch of Montgomery, Ala., thinks Gollub's reinstatement might have had to do with his talents as a recruiter and rally organizer.

She recalled that "the first time Gollub was kicked out of the Christian Knights, Virgil Griffin got a lot of flack" because Gollub was Jewish. She doubted his Jewishness was a cause this time, because they had been through it all before.

But David Lowe, associate director of the fact-finding department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, ascribes Gollub's removal to a radicalization of the Klan.

Lowe believes Gollub's ouster is "a measure of the level of hatred. It's a sign of the growing Nazification of the Klan that those of Jewish background, regardless of what they profess, are not considered pure enough."

Gollub, presents a resident of Poplarville, Miss., considers himself a Christian, although he admits his parents are Jewish. A New York Post account in 1985 described him as being the son of a prominent Philadelphia physician.

"I was never Jewish. My parents are Jewish. I have never had any Jewish religious background," Gollub told the Post in 1985, when he lived in Bristol, Va. He also said he had told the Klan leader of his Jewish background.

"My parents are Zionists, but they don't actually attend any religious service of any sort. I don't particularly care for Judaism. I don't see how it passes off as a religion," he told the Post.

Gollub, about 30 years old, has a strong history as a Klan organizer since finishing his studies at Temple University in Philadelphia. He became a

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BBC president sets his agenda

OTTAWA —

Curtailing anti-semitism in Canada is the top agenda item for Moishe Smith, B'nai B'rith Canada's newly-acclaimed president.

The 38-year-old Ottawa developer cited a 100% increase in reported anti-semitic incidents — detailed in BBC's most recent annual anti-semitism audit — as proof of the "persistent and pernicious character of prejudice."

Smith pledged to accelerate BBC's campaign against hate propaganda and Holocaust denial.

"Keegstra, Ross, Zundel and their followers on the lunatic fringe are a blemish on the multicultural nature of Canadian society," he said in a BBC news release.

Smith made the comments shortly before leaving for BBC's annual convention near Quebec City.

The new president was expected to be sworn in this week at the 4-day event at the ski and golf resort of Hotel Chateau Monte Sainte-Anne.

He succeeds Toronto dentist Brian Feldman. Next year's president-elect is Marilyn Wainberg, of Montreal.

Smith said new education programs to combat racism and anti-semitism will be introduced by BBC's League for Human Rights. A major outreach program to ethnic communities will also be undertaken, he said.

Turning to the issue of Nazi war criminal prosecutions, Smith — noting his recent meeting with Justice Minister Douglas Lewis — said BBC's application for intervenor status at pretrial motions will be heard.

"We are urging the justice department to end its excess of caution and hunt for incontrovertible evidence," he said.

"We want Ottawa to launch the maximum number of prosecutions as quickly as possible."

Also on Smith's agenda is improving Canada's relationship with Israel.

He said Canada's upgrading of relations with the Palestinian Liberation Organization "jeopardizes Canada's neutral and non-partisan role in the Middle-East peace process."

Smith said he intends to lobby the government to

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LAG B'OMER CELEBRATION

Close to 500 turned out on Lag B'Omer to see Rabbi Morris Alon present a Sefer Torah to Zichron Shneur in North York. The Torah procession, which formed up at Alon's home, took in Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah nearby. Guest speaker at the shul was Rabbi Berl Wein, former head of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America. [Graphic Artists photo]

Speech by Baker gets mixed reviews

By JTA & JPFS

WASHINGTON —

Secretary of State James Baker has defended the speech he made recently before the American Israel Public Affairs Committee by telling reporters it was "very balanced with respect to what we think is required of all the parties if we are going to move forward."

Likewise, a top American Jewish leader reassured delegates to AIPAC's 30th annual policy conference here that Baker's remarks about Israel did not signal "a new statement of policy by the United States."

Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, warned that taking Baker's statements out of context "creates tensions when tensions do not possibly exist."

He balanced those remarks with a demand that the Palestinians bring a halt to violence and abandon their own unrealistic visions for the stage-by-stage destruction of Israel. And he called on the Arab nations to end their economic boycott of the Jewish state and to renounce past statements equating Zionism with racism.

Reich pointed out that "the government of the United States has said for years that it is against the annexation of the territories."

He added, however, that in its peace plan calling for the Palestinians to elect representatives to negotiate with Israel on self-rule, "the State of Israel has probably gone as far as it can go at the present time and needs the encouragement of its allies."

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir dismissed as "useless" and unhelpful Baker's call for Israel to grant Palestinians their political rights and abandon "the unrealistic vision of a greater Israel."

Shamir's opponents on Israel's right, however, seized on Baker's statements as proof of what the U.S. has in store for Israel if the government's peace plan is implemented.

Baker's demands that Israel "forswear annexation, stop settlement activity, allow schools to reopen" were rejected by Shamir as "details" that were "unrelated to the broader principles of his peace proposals.

"I cannot agree to what he said," Shamir told a press conference in London, where he met with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and government officials. "I don't think these issues, on which we differ, have anything to do with the peace initiative."

Shamir's argument was that Baker was addressing himself prematurely to issues that would only become relevant in the second, negotiating stage of his peace schedule. The key matter at present, he said, was for the Arabs to "come to the conclusion that what we propose is the only realistic way." It would be tragic, he said later, were the Arabs again to choose "the path of rejection and violence instead of cooperation and peace."

After elections had taken place, and negotiations on a permanent solution were under way, he said, "maybe all these issues will be addressed and resolved." It was "useless" for Baker to have raised them now.

At the negotiating stage, Shamir said, "any party will be entitled to propose anything." He was sure, he said, that the "theoretical formula" of exchanging territory for peace would be raised at that stage, and the parties would then have to decide whether this was acceptable.

Shamir noted appreciatively that Baker had pledged "full support" for the main principles of his peace plan, and asserted that Thatcher, too, was "very sympathetic" towards it.

In the Likud, Baker's statements were seen as a blow to Shamir's chances of gaining approval for his plan in the party's central committee this month.

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Bush supports plan for peace, Rabin asserts

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin ended his 3-day visit to Washington last week with a promise from President George Bush to help win Palestinian support for Israel's peace initiative.

"My impression is that the United States will like to assist Israel in finding a partner among the Palestinians in the territories to move ahead along the outline of the peace process," Rabin said after a White House meeting with Bush.

But he would not reveal what the Bush administration would do to get Palestinians to support the Israeli proposal. It calls for the Palestinians to elect representatives to negotiate with Israel for self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Israeli proposal received its highest endorsement yet from the administration in a statement read by state department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler.

"We are wholeheartedly supportive" of the election proposal, Tutwiler said. "We want to work with the Israelis and the Palestinians to move the peace process forward."

The meeting with Bush had not been scheduled when Rabin began his meetings with administration officials earlier in the week. It appeared to have been arranged after Secretary of State James Baker's hard-hitting speech to the annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Rabin said he did not discuss Baker's remarks with the president. But he noted that he has been arguing for the last two days that Israelis, Americans and Arabs who want to move the peace process forward should not focus on the elements of a final settlement, since all sides are too deeply divided.

"If we can reach an agreement today on them, there would be no need to move gradually toward peace," he said. But he noted that "even the peace with Egypt was not achieved by one act."

"In the Middle East, there are no short cuts," he said. "The best way is to move gradually."

Rabin also refused to be drawn into criticism of Baker's speech when he was asked about it earlier in the day, after addressing a luncheon sponsored by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

"I don't believe that I have to refer to any specific statement, even if it is made by the secretary of state," he said. "I prefer not to argue with anyone about issues that refer to the permanent solution."

Rabin said he also explained to Bush that Israel will not provide details about how the elections will work until the Palestinians agree in principle to Israel's peace initiative. He said once Israel has such agreement, it will be willing to discuss such things as who is eligible to vote.

Rabin told the Washington Institute that Israel did not propose the elections as a way of postponing a final settlement.

"Israel doesn't intend just to hold the first step and to wait," Rabin said.

He said Israel is committed to elections in which the Palestinians choose representatives to negotiate with Israel for the creation of a self-governing authority. He said this would be followed by negotiations for a permanent settlement, in which all options would be open.

The defence minister said he reported to Bush on his meetings with other members of the administration, particularly Israel's requests for military assistance for the 1991 fiscal year.

"We believe and the United States agrees that the military strength of Israel is a guarantee against an outburst of hostilities, and the stronger Israel is, the more risks it can take."

World-National

A revolt against silence

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Raul Hilberg is the world's best known historian of the Holocaust. His book, *The Destruction of the European Jews* (recently published in a revised and updated version) provides the most detailed account of the events from 1933 to 1945, with a country-by-country account of the murder of six million Jews.

Rabbi Plaut

I have just received a reprint of his address at Syracuse University which he gave as the B. G. Rudolph lecture, in a series that goes back to 1963. It is a splendid forum, and I remember with much pleasure my own participation in it some 19 years ago.

Hilberg's talk was entitled "The Holocaust Today," and he brought to this subject — which many people would consider a well-travelled territory — some fascinating new insights.

His major point was that remembering the Holocaust was and remains at heart **an act of revolt**. How so?

Hilberg recounts how in the years after the dreadful events were discovered by the outside world, a veil was drawn across their specifically Jewish aspect. **At Nuremberg the accused Nazis were convicted of war crimes, not crimes against the Jews.** Now of course Jews are, like everyone else, human beings first and Jews thereafter, so that it seems legitimate to subsume their extinction as an anti-human act. But, as we know by now, the argument is flawed, for **Jews were not killed because they were human beings but because as Jews they were not considered truly human.** The oft-used term "extermination" gives expression to that perception. We were deemed vermin, not human. The Holocaust was the purposeful annihilation of vermin and, hence, Auschwitz and its satellites represented more than another war crime.

Blotted out

When in 1966 I visited Auschwitz there was no way for the visitor to know that the victims burned here had been Jews; their identity was purposely obliterated, and the same was true at Babi Yar. (An aside: The Gypsies were annihilated in like, unidentified, fashion, though there never was the concerted ideological and racial campaign against them as there was against us. But they too died quite unheralded and it behooves us to remember them as partners-in-death.)

In the Soviet realm and in the vast West the role of the Jews as special victims was not recognized for quite a while. When Elie Wiesel wrote a book about it, no well established publisher in America would consider it. It appeared first in Yiddish, in Argentina, under the title, *And the World Was Silent.* Only later did a small U.S. publishing house print the book under the title *Night,* which made Wiesel a household word. The Holocaust was being discovered; people would no longer be silent.

Hilberg gives major credit for this development to Israel which, he says was in itself an act of revolt against an 1,800-year stretch of powerlessness and Diaspora. Israel has three laws, says Hilberg, which are direct reflections of its Holocaust consciousness: **The Law of Return** allows all Jews access to freedom; the law spelling out **crimes against the Jewish people** forces us and the world to remember (as we did when Eichmann and Demjanjuk were tried); and the **establishment of Yad Vashem** is a perpetual monument to memory. Israel has in this fashion helped to identify the hitherto unidentified victims of the Holocaust.

And how did this consciousness penetrate the West? Here Hilberg extends his "thesis of revolt." The American disillusionment with Vietnam made young people rebel against their parents. "A younger generation hungered for something that was missing in American life. It wanted the old moral certainties. The Holocaust was . . . a new measuring rod of immortality. Against this single occurrence, one could assess all other deeds."

(If you want a copy of the lecture, write to Prof. Alan Berger, Chairman, Jewish Studies Program, Syracuse University, NY 13210.)

Israeli, Palestinian workers different

Labor equation a complex issue

By
JEFF BLACK

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The recently announced curfew in the Gaza Strip (CJN May 25) has dramatically reminded Israeli employers that their reliance on cheap Palestinian labor may not be the best way to ensure a profitable future. Palestinian employees may cost less than Israeli workers, but their daily attendance at work cannot be guaranteed.

Some people have been quick to claim that if the West Bank and Gaza Strip were sealed off, the 112,000 out-of-work Israelis could replace the country's 110,000 Palestinian laborers, thus killing two birds with one stone. Unemployment would disappear, as would the problem of employing potentially hostile Palestinian workers inside the Green Line.

But while the figures more or less match on a numerical basis, the two groups of workers are radically different in their character. More than 90% of the Palestinian workers crossing the Green Line to work every day are young, unskilled male laborers. Israel's reservoir of out-of-work people, however, includes some 46,000 women, as well as skilled or academically-qualified workers and people unsuited to heavy, manual work.

As David Katz, director of the labor ministry's manpower planning authority says: "The pool of available Israeli workers is smaller than one thinks."

A rough breakdown of the Palestinian work force shows that around 50,000-55,000 work in construction, 16,000 in agriculture, 18,000-19,000 in manufacturing and 22,000-23,000 in hotels, restaurants and other related services.

Intifada effects are felt

Of these workers, less than half (around 45,000) are employed legally via the Employment Service. The majority are non-organized laborers who do not receive any benefits (holiday pay, pension contributions and so on) and thus form a cheap pool of labor for Israeli employers.

When the effects of the intifada first began to be felt as masses of Palestinian workers stayed home, Katz notes, employers did not call for more Israeli workers. Instead, they demanded permission to import cheap foreign labor from Portugal and other countries.

Even now, more than a year later, there have been only relatively minor changes in employment patterns because of the intifada. In the construction industry, the long-term decline in the number of Israelis employed has been reversed somewhat: from the 1986 low of 62,000 Israelis, 68,000 were employed in construction in 1987 and 75,000 last year, according to Employment Service figures. Last year also saw 13,000 more Israelis working in the restaurant and hotel industries.

But the total replacement of Palestinian workers with Israelis would require a revolution in the labor market — and in the economy as a whole. The situation of Palestinian workers provides a good example of supply creating demand, which then has a determining effect on the economy's production functions.

Since 1967, Israeli employers have had a large pool of unskilled male workers from the territories available to them. Many of these laborers were previously unemployed, and Israeli employers offered them the chance of work. The wages may have been low relative to the Israeli wage-scale, but they were high when compared with those prevailing in the territories.

The mass employment of Palestinian workers resulted in production functions developing in favor of low-wage, labor-intensive industries as opposed to those preferring skilled workers. The longer the Palestinians worked in these jobs, moreover, the harder it became to attract Israelis to such work.

In addition, as Israeli educational levels improved over the years — so have employment expectations. Katz points out that Israel's problem of relying on Palestinian workers to do the "cheap, dirty work" is far from unique. All over the Western world, cheap foreign laborers (Mexicans in the U.S., Turks in West Germany, and so on) are doing the work native citizens are no longer willing to do, despite local unemployment problems.

The economic gap is also the credibility gap

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

I wrote recently in my daily newspaper column about the economic gap that has opened up on the favorite American turf we call real estate. The haves and have-nots of the 80s are now those who have and have not their own homes. And the gap, I wrote, is often between generations. While the rise of real estate values contributed to the economic well-being of the elderly, the rise of real estate costs contributes to the economic stress of the young.

Well, the response to that column would fill a starter house. If I could reconstruct the letters in wood, I could indeed build a handyperson's special.

Most of my older correspondents repeated one simple refrain. If young people can't buy their own homes, it is their own fault. In the words of a woman from Mt. Dora, Fla.: "Today's young families often have two incomes and still complain that they can't save. The truth is, they won't."

Another in St. Petersburg wrote: "Are these the same young people who arrived at college with two cars full of the latest in stereo, VCR, TV, microwave, toaster oven? Are these the same young people who spend every cent they make on their backs, their stomachs or their cars?"

A San Franciscan added, "You know what the big difference is? Well, we knew how to save for the big item — a home first, then a car, as we could afford them."

Correspondents like one from Chino Valley, Ariz., chronicled in detail their own youthful thrift: "The laundry was done in a neighbor's basement, hung out in the wind (even in 3 feet of snow). This included, of course, diapers (not disposable)." Others, such as one from Spring Lake, Mich., chronicled in detail today's youthful spendthrift: "Today's young people have to have two cars, a boat, a camper, designer clothes, weekend vacations, Camcorders, hot tubs . . . They have not learned to sacrifice some things to obtain others."

I wasn't entirely surprised by this generational judgment. It is common for an aging cohort to think that (1) life was better in the old days and (2) they had it harder when they were young. Never mind the apparent contradiction in those phrases.

Succeeding generations in North America have had an easier time of it. The mother of the woman who did her laundry in a neighbor's basement did hers in a sink. Her grandmother did it in a tub and her great-grandmother at a river's edge. The correspondent whose first house had no wiring may have had parents who lived in a time without electricity. His grandparents lived in a log cabin.

What I find intriguing, though, is the subtext of thrift. There is a deep-seated belief that if the young would only scrimp like their elders, they too could have that house to call their own. It doesn't quite add up, mathematically or historically.

The Depression generation was most assuredly thrifty, if that is an appropriate synonym for impoverished. Their only safety net was the ability to stretch each dollar.

But the generation that built and bought the postwar homes of the 50s in which baby-boomers were raised were people who set the style of consumption we live by. As Phillip Longman, the author of *Born to Pay,* notes: "The 50s generation invented the credit card and established instalment buying." Collectively their generation has run the country while running up a deficit.

More pointedly, in 1948, a home in the postwar development of Levittown cost $7,000, with no money down. Today the average home is creeping toward $100,000 (**editor's note** — that's in the U.S.) and you need 10% for a downpayment.

Since the 1970s, real estate has risen faster than inflation, faster surely than the interest on any savings accounts. It may even have proved a disincentive to savings.

What of the perception that today's young are choosing the immediate gratification of VCRs? There is some truth in that, but I wonder if it's a cause or effect of the receding hope of homeowning.

Longman says the apt phrase is displaced consumption. "If you have a new-collar job and know it's hopeless to save for a house, you have a lot of discretionary income. If you can't afford to buy a house, you can afford to buy the world's best mustard and probably will."

Finally, it is ironic that a column about the connections that bind generations to each other, as well as to the hope of home, drew such a mailbag of generational conflict. It seems to me that those who place such value on thrift should also want to save the American dream.

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West German parliamentarian friend of Israel

Jenninger apologetic about controversial speech

(First of a series on the Federal Republic of Germany)

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

BONN, West Germany —

Seven months after his abrupt resignation as Speaker of the West German parliament, Philipp Jenninger still seems in something of a state of shock.

On Nov. 10, Jenninger — a senior member of the ruling Christian Democratic Union party — delivered the keynote address in a special session of the Bundestag to mark the 50th anniversary of Crystal Night, the nation-wide pogrom that marked a horrible new phase in Nazi Germany's campaign against the Jewish people.

Jenninger, a pro-Israel politician who had worked for German-Jewish reconciliation, could never have imagined that his speech would gravely damage his career and deeply embarrass his country.

"It was totally *not* my intention to justify Hitler," he said in an interview. "The opposite is true."

The now famous Jenninger incident served to underscore the fact that, nearly 50 years after the start of World War II and 100 years after Hitler's birth, the legacy of the Third Reich remains a political minefield here, an open wound in the body politic of this Western, democratic nation.

Speaking of the events that culminated in his downfall, Jenninger, 56, said he wanted to demonstrate how Germans had been "seduced" by the Nazis. In one passage, he noted: "Many Germans let themselves be blinded and led astray by National Socialism. Many made the crimes possible through their indifference. Many committed crimes themselves."

Passage triggered outrage

In another part of his speech, he noted: "No matter what may happen in the future... till the end of time people will... remember Auschwitz as part of our German history."

In this respect, Jenninger's remarks were exemplary. But in one passage which triggered incomprehension and outrage here, Jenninger said: "And as for the Jews, hadn't they in the past arrogated to themselves a role, as it was put in the time, that they did not deserve? Hadn't the time come for them at long last to accept a few restrictions as well? Hadn't they perhaps even deserved to be put in their place? And, above all, didn't the propaganda... correspond in essential points to people's own suspicions and beliefs?"

This offending passage sent shock waves through the Bundestag, the consensus being that Jenninger had grievously failed to make a clear distinction between his own opinions and those of Germans who supported Hitler's anti-semitic policies.

"I was trying to explain how the Holocaust came into being," he said in his spartan office. Jenninger, who appeared pale and tense, elaborated: "I was not trying in any way to deny or justify what had happened — but to hold up a mirror and to admonish people. This is something people in Germany are just not used to."

"What he said was not wrong," wrote Ernst Nolte, a leading specialist on the Third Reich, in the wake of the uproar. "In a comprehensive historical presentation these facts would all find their place. But one must consider in this situation whether the need for sensitivity has a veto over the presentation of historical fact. Jenninger may not have sufficiently considered the time and the place of his speech."

In an interview, Jenninger said he realized after a few minutes into his speech that he was striking the wrong notes. "If I had to do it all over again, I may have added some new points and hinted more at the sources," he observed.

Jenninger said he had no alternative but to step down. "Otherwise Germany's interests and image would have been harmed. I didn't want to give the world the impression that right-wing radicalism was taking root in Germany."

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, he insisted, had not asked for his resignation. In his letter of resignation to Kohl, Jenninger said: "Throughout my political life... I have done everything I could for reconciliation with the Jews and to promote the vital interests of the state of Israel. I was uncompromisingly opposed to any form of totalitarianism, not the least because of the experience under the Nazi regime of my family, which opposed the dictatorship and paid for it."

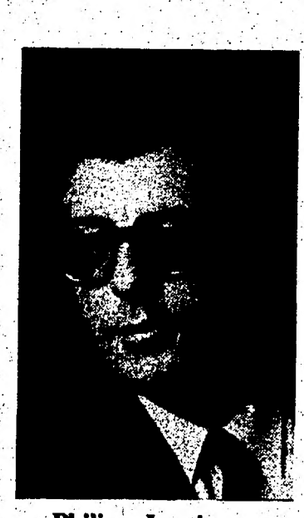
Jenninger's father, a printer, lost his job in 1938 after the Nazis closed the Catholic publishing house which employed him. "My father belonged to the Centre Party and was against Hitler from the start."

As a politician, Jenninger strove to improve German-Jewish relations. Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter, is among his friends. Wiesenthal has described Jenninger as "a friend of Jews and a friend of Israel," and his resignation as " a big tragedy."

As chief whip of the Christian Democratic Union, Jenninger promoted a parliamentary motion to make available reparation payments to "borderline cases." Later, as Speaker of the Bundestag, he formed a "close friendship" with his Israeli counterpart, Shlomo Hillel.

Jenninger, a member of the Bundestag's foreign affairs committe, has been to Israel five or six times and, officially, on three occasions. "I simply want peace for Israel," he said. "I wish the energy and force Israel uses to maintain its existence could be used to build up the country."

Speaking of West Germany's efforts to come to terms with the Nazi era, he said: "We've suppressed our past. Young people want to know how this (the Third Reich) happened, and whether their grandfather was a Nazi. It's necessary for the truth to come out — not to suppress it. We have to learn from



Philipp Jenninger

history. The young generation, however, does not want to be stigmatized by the past."

According to Jenninger, young Germans are not weary of hearing so much about the Holocaust. "They want to know why the Nazis came into power, why Germans followed Hitler so blindly."

Jenninger emphaszied that the small neo-Nazi movement here "does not endanger our democracy." As he put it: "Protest voters exist in every democratic society."

Anti-semitism has no future in West Germany, he said, adding that "a certain percentage of the population in Europe, America and in Germany as well" will always hew to anti-Jewish beliefs.

Although he believes that normalization of German-Jewish ties is necessary, Jenninger acknowledges it will be "very difficult to find the right way" to achieve that objective.

Jenninger said Germans still have "a hard time" dealing with their history. The 1985 Bitburg incident, during which Chancellor Kohl and President Ronald Reagan commemorated the 40th anniversary of the end of World War II by visiting a cemetery containing the graves of SS soldiers, is an example of this.

"It was right for Kohl to go to Bitburg," Jenninger claimed, suggesting that the majority of the Germans buried in Bitburg had "done their duty defending Germany."

Like some of his fellow West Germans, Jenninger distinguishes between "Black SS," who were "terrible," and "Waffen SS," who were "a fighting group."

At the close of the interview, he was asked whether he had a message for the Jewish community in Canada.

Jenninger replied: "If human beings fight for human values, then we can achieve a more peaceful world. In the final analysis, I depend on the basic goodness of mankind."

BB names Kagedan to govt. relations post

TORONTO —

B'nai B'rith Canada has announced the appointment of Ian Kagedan as its new government relations director in Ottawa.

Kagedan will coordinate BBC's liaison with the government, including politicians and civil servants. He will be an organization advocate on domestic Jewish issues, human rights, anti-semitism, war criminals and international human rights.

The Montreal-born executive will also coordinate organizational initiatives of the League and Institute for International Affairs in Ottawa.

"I am confident that Ian Kagedan will be a most positive addition to our staff," Frank Dimant, executive vice-president said in a BBC news release.

"His knowledge of and demonstrated concern for the issues affecting our community will serve as well as will his experience and expertise," Dimant said.

Ian Kagedan

Kagedan has extensive experience in non-governmental organizations and the Jewish community.

His last position was as community planning director for the Ottawa Jewish Community Council.

He has also been an assistant national executive director and national director of Canadian Jewish Congress' law and social action, and religious and interreligious affairs departments in Montreal respectively.

He has wide volunteer community involvement.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the first Jewish philosopher of the Middle Ages?
2. Who were the two most important Hebrew poets of the Middle Ages?
3. Who was the most prominent figure of medieval Jewish philosophy?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Saadyah Gaon, head of the rabbinical academy of Sura (near Baghdad).
2. Solomon ibn Gabirol (1020-57) and Judah Halevi (1085-1140).
3. Moses Maimonides (1135-1204).

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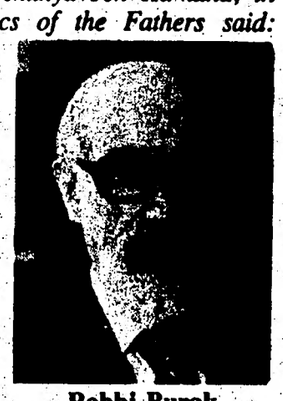
By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: As we approach Shavuoth, I would like to know: Does the man who consecrates himself to the study of Torah receive any special privileges?

ANSWER: Rabbi Nechunya ben Ha-kana, in Chapter 3:6, of Ethics of the Fathers said: "Whosoever receives upon himself the yoke of the Torah, from him the yoke of the kingdom and the yoke of worldly care will be removed. . . ."


Rabbi Burak

Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz z.l. states in his commentary on this passage that "We have no evidence that either the Roman government remitted taxation in the case of scholars, or that the communities paid these. . . . But the Code Yoreh De'ah, Chapter 243 tells us in its Chapter heading that the talmid chacham was free of taxes, and paragraph 1 states that "a thing that is needed for the defence of the city, for example, the walls of the city and its turrets, and the payment for the guards, for these they were not obligated to make any payment at all, for their Torah protects them."

There are other privileges granted those who occupy themselves exclusively with the study of Torah. Even the non-Jewish world has a similar attitude, and in an earlier responsum on this matter, I wrote: "Civilized nations do not draft theologues for army services. Israel is a civilized country. Therefore Yeshiva students should be permitted to spend their time studying Torah," and be free from military service.

In a sharp rejoinder, an opponent of this view replied: "Civilized nations in fact ought to draft theologians for army service. Israel is a civilized country, therefore yeshiva students ought to be required to serve in Israel's defence forces."

This overlooks an unknown ruling by Maimonides, which ought to be placed before all men who intend to discourse or write on this subject. It is found in Hilchos Shemittah, Chapter 13, laws 12 and 13:

"Wherefore did Levy not gain an inheritance in the land of Israel and in the plunder thereof, with his brothers? Because he was separated to worship Hashem, and to serve Him, and to teach His just ways to the community, as it is written: 'They shall teach Jacob Thine ordinances, and Israel Thy law.' (Deuteronomy, 3:10)

"Therefore were they separated from the ways of the world. They don't wage war like the rest of Israel. And they do not acquire things for themselves by the might of their hands. But, they are the army of Hashem, as it is written (in Deuteronomy 33:11) 'Bless, Lord, his army.' (The Hebrew word is chailo; it can mean his substance, or his army. The Rambam chose the latter interpretation).

"And this applies not just to the tribe of Levy, but to each and every man throughout the world whose spirit moves him to donate himself, and whose intellect makes him understand that he should separate himself and stand before the Lord. . . ."

It was the Gaon Rabbi Isser Zalman Meltzer z.l. who cited this Rambam to Ben Gurion as the basis for leaving all students of Torah to their studies, even in that desperate hour. Should you say that this was to be expected of a Lithuanian Rosh Yeshiva, here is what Rabbi Isaac Halevy Herzog z.l. said in an address in Tel Aviv in the year 5703, as found in his Heichal Yitzchak, EVEN ha-EZER, page 23:

"Come and let us give honor and glory to our soldiers who serve . . . for the honor of Israel, to save the Jewish people, and to save the Land of Israel, and to save justice and human freedom . . .

"But, as in the days of Hezekiah King of Judah, the nation requires two types of armies: one that stands amid the conflict of war and guards the land of Israel, and a spiritual army that guards her spiritual treasures — for *gibborai chayil* and for *gibborai ruach*."

Protection at wall for women

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The "Women of the Wall" are to get full police protection during their public prayers at the Western Wall, but they will have to wait for seven months for the High Court of Justice to deal with their demand to read from the Torah and wear prayer shawls at that sacred site.

The women had petitioned the High Court naming as respondents the police, the religious affairs ministry, Israel's two chief rabbis and Yehuda Getz, the rabbi at the Western Wall.

The court also gave the state attorney until Dec. 31 to show cause why the women should not be allowed to read the Torah at the Wall or wear prayer shawls there.

Arab states welcome Egypt

Summit backs Arafat

By
CJN NEWS SERVICES

CASABLANCA, Morocco — Arab leaders concluded an extraordinary summit last week by endorsing the PLO's recognition of Israel, but failed to persuade Syria to loosen its military grip on Lebanon in efforts to end that country's civil war.

The outcome quashed hopes by moderate Arab leaders that the presence of Egypt at an Arab summit for the first time in 10 years might lead to progress in ending the 14-year-old Lebanese crisis.

The emergency Arab League summit opened to discuss the Palestinian issue as well as the crisis in Lebanon, where more than 400 people have died in the latest round of Christian-Moslem fighting that began in mid-March.

On the Palestinian issue, the summit's final resolution backed Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat and endorsed the PLO's indirect recognition of Israel.

As for Lebanon, the Arab leaders created a mediation panel formed by Moroccan King Hassan, Saudi King Faud and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

The resolution said Arab support of the Palestinian cause should continue so the Palestinian people "under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, their sole and legitimate representative, continue to escalate their heroic uprising against Israeli occupation."

The resolution endorsed Arafat's campaign for a 2-state solution to the Middle East question, as outlined at a Nov. 15 meeting in Algiers by the Palestine National Council, the PLO parliament in exile.

"The summit supports the position of the PLO on UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338," the final summit statement said. The UN resolutions recognize Israel's right to exist and call for an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied lands.

The summit resolution called for Hassan to contact UN Security Council members to start preparations for an international Middle East conference.

The resolution rejected Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's plan for elections of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip to mediate an interim solution to the 17-month-old Palestinian uprising.

The Arab League called the plan "an attempt to strike at the intifada and sidestep the PLO and the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

Arafat told the final session, "The intifada will continue wave after wave until we all will pray in Jerusalem, the capital of our independent Palestinian state."

Arafat and Assad, previously at odds, met twice during the summit, the first attended by Egypt since its membership was suspended for signing a peace treaty with Israel 10 years ago.

"The summit welcomes in its opening session the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt," the final summit statement said.

But tensions between Syria and Iraq forced the postponement of the final session for two days running, as King Hassan sought a face-saving compromise on Lebanon.

Syria flatly rejected a proposal by King Hussein of Jordan to withdraw its 15,000 troops from West Beirut.

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The Jerusalem Post reports:

Syria, Egypt and the PLO all proved to be winners at last week's Arab League summit in Casablanca, and the resolutions agreed to there will alter the balance of power in the Middle East for some time to come.

"This was a very, very important summit, perhaps one of the most important," said Avner Yaniv, a poitical science professor at Haifa University. "Egypt returned from the cold, but so did Syria. Damascus had been completely isolated in the Arab world because of its policies.

"The Arab balance of power will be affected in major ways because of the 'sulha' in Casablanca," he observed, referring to the high-profile reconciliation meetings that were held between Syrian President Hafez Assad, the PLO and Egypt.

While bickering over Lebanon threatened to wreck the summit altogether, in the end Egypt and the PLO both received what they were looking for in the way of a boost for Arafat's moderate peace strategy.

And Syria finally forced moderates — and rival Iraq — to back down on demands for Damascus's withdrawal from Lebanon.

Gulf states apparently saw Syria as an important counterweight to Iraq's awesome military might, particularly now since the Gulf war has ended.

Egypt, Iraq's staunchest ally during the war, ultimately put a greater premium on drawing Assad into the peace process than on standing up to him over Lebanon. The PLO, likewise, has long sought a reconciliation with Assad and thus couldn't risk antagonizing him.

Syria, meanwhile, has paid for its victory on the Lebanon issue in the currency of concessions to the PLO.

As a result, the PLO's version of a text backing the Palestinian cause and "recognizing" the self-declared Palestinian state was approved at the summit virtually intact.

In that text, for the first time ever, Arab states called for the convening of an international conference "with the aim of reaching a final resolution of the conflict based on Resolutions 242 and 338."

The text will be less palatable to the Americans than Arafat's own declarations of December 1988, because it adds that a peace conference also should be based on "all other UN resolutions pertaining to the Palestinian Arab-Israeli conflict,

Trip leaves Shamir satisfied

MADRID (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir wound up a 5-day European trip here last week, professing to be satisfied with the responses he got to Israel's peace plan from the leaders of Britain and Spain.

Although neither Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, with whom Shamir conferred in London, nor his Spanish host, Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez Marquez, endorsed the plan, each promised to give it "serious consideration," Shamir said.

Gonzalez told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency after a state dinner in Shamir's honor that "Spain will explore all the avenues of the Israeli peace initiative."

But he repeated his warning that the plan is doomed unless the Palestine Liberation Organization is given a role in the peace process.

Gonzalez said he had accepted Shamir's invitation to visit Israel, but no date was set.

The Israeli plan calls for Palestinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to choose representatives with whom Israel would negotiate a 5-year interim period of Palestinian self-rule in the territories.

Shamir acknowledged that both Thatcher and Gonzalez had pressed him for details, particularly on voting rights for East Jerusalem Arabs and international supervision of the elections.

He said it was far too early to answer such questions.

Sources close to the Prime Minister said he was "deeply impressed" by Gonzalez, and that in light of Madrid's excellent ties with Arab states, the use of Madrid as an intermediary should not be ruled out.

He adamantly ruled out "now and forever" the idea of an international peace conference to bring about an end to the Middle East conflict. He claimed such a conference would inevitably lead to a Palestinian state.

Rome synagogue attacker is sentenced in absentia

ROME (JTA) — **A Palestinian terrorist who carried out an attack seven years ago on Rome's main synagogue was sentenced in absentia last week to life imprisonment.**

Osama Abdel al-Zomar, 28, was convicted by a Rome court of organizing the Oct. 9, 1982, attack, in which a 3-year-old Jewish boy was killed and 37 others wounded.

Last year, Greece refused Italy's request to extradite Zomar, who was serving a jail term in Greece on charges of smuggling weapons into the country. Zomar was quietly deported from Greece to Libya in December by the Greek justice minister at the time, Vassilis Rotis, who called him a "freedom fighter."

The Italian government was furious and summoned the Greek ambassador here to ask for an explanation. Rotis was subsequently removed from the justice position, for reasons that remain unclear.

The Italians then asked Libya to extradite Zomar. After determining that Libya would not deport him, Italy proceeded with a trial in absentia.

Most of the evidence in the trial came from Zomar's former Italian girlfriend, whom he reportedly told he was going to organize the synagogue attack.

Two men who were thought to have acted with him have never been identified. The mastermind of the attack is believed to have been the shadowy Palestinian terrorist Abu Nidal.

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Peronist win stirs memories

SAO PAULO (JTA) —

Unpleasant memories of the era of Juan Peron have been haunting Argentina's 250,000 Jews since the victory of the Peronist party candidate, Carlos Saul Menem, in the May 14 presidential elections.

The parallels between that era and now are deeply troubling, according to information gleaned from telephone conversations with Jewish figures in Buenos Aires and talks here with Jewish officials who have visited Argentina.

During Peron's presidency, and that of his widow, Isabel, who succeeded him, Jews were made scapegoats in Argentina.

Militant anti-semitic groups erupted from within the populist Peronist movement.

Menem, 59, who won election by an overwhelming majority, is still an unknown quantity to Argentine Jews. His remarks on subjects of concern to Jews have been ambivalent at best and have smacked of opportunism.

Many Jews are nervous over the fact that Menem is the son of Syrian immigrants, was born a Moslem, was married in a mosque in Damascus and converted to Roman Catholicism only after entering politics in a country that constitutionally bars non-Catholics from running for the presidency.

But these factors, coupled with Argentina's calamitous economy, have led many Jews to believe there is no future for them in this country.

According to Rabbi Joe Wernik, director general of the Jewish Agency's organization department in Jerusalem, the offices of the Agency's aliya emissaries in Buenos Aires are literally being stormed by Jews seeking to emigrate from Argentina to Israel as soon as possible.

For the time being, official Jewish institutions and their leaders are keeping a low profile.

David Goldman, president of the DAIA, the representative body of Argentine Jewry, told reporters Menem's election was "above all a triumph of democracy.

Nevertheless, the DAIA, middle class and staunchly establishmentarian, already has had a run-in of sorts with Menem.

During the election campaign, he was the only candidate who refused a DAIA invitation to visit its headquarters to discuss his policies with the Jewish representatives.

In the end, a face-saving device was found and Menem appeared before a packed Jewish audience. He told his listeners that, if elected, he would remain neutral in the Arab-Israeli conflict and would not allow the Palestine Liberation Organization to open an official diplomatic office in Argentina.

But that promise directly contradicted what he had told a pro-PLO Arab audience earlier in the campaign.

An observer said that "the real problem" with Menem "is that the man cannot be trusted in what he says or does."

According to a young Jewish university lecturer in Buenos Aires, "worse than Menem are some of his followers.

The young man, who asked to remain anonymous, warned that "Menem will not be able to keep up with his promise of a better life for the majority of the people and then will need a scapegoat.

"Of course, Jews are the ideal scapegoat in a country where anti-semitic activism has very old and deep roots," he said.

Strategic cooperation aids the U.S.: Rabin

WASHINGTON (JTA)

The U.S. strategic cooperation with Israel has allowed the United States to use Israeli facilities for its interests in the Middle East, not to help Israel, Israel Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last week.

"We do it because we believe that the political decision was made to prepare them for your use, for your needs in the region," Rabin told an audience of current and retired U.S. senior military officers and defence industry representatives.

"When it comes to our problems, we cope with them alone," he said.

Rabin's speech inaugurated the Nathan S. Golden lecture series of the Jewish Institute of National Security Affairs. The series will bring senior Israeli military and civilian security experts to U.S. defence schools.

"We are proud that we have never asked the United States to have a defence pact with Israel, a defence pact that might have forced U.S. forces to intervene in our local wars," Rabin said. "We can do the job, once we have the means to do so."

He said this could be a "model of cooperation" for other countries friendly to the United States.

If other countries "accept the principle that, in the context of regional conflicts, they have to be strong enough not to bring about U.S. military intervention," he said, "the world will be safer and the dangers, even the slightest one, of confrontation between the major forces of the world will be prevented."

Under strategic cooperation, there have been 27 or 28 joint exercises between the United States and Israel for the purpose of training U.S. forces, Rabin said. He said the latest one was an exercise by a U.S. Marine battalion in Israel.

Rabin said Israel also has been able to test sophisticated U.S. weapons delivered to it in combat and has given the United States its first look at such Soviet weapons as the MiG-21 and the SAM-6 ground-to-air missiles.

Rabin refused to be drawn into the controversy in the United States about the necessity of the Strategic Defence Initiative. He said Israel's participation in the program is limited to developing the feasibility of a missile that can intercept and destroy tactical ballistic missiles.

Treasure of rare Jewish books found in Vilna

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A vast storehouse of rare and precious Jewish books and letters that predate the Holocaust has been found in the Lithuanian city of Vilnius, according to Samuel Norich, executive director of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. YIVO is hoping to be given access to the material.

Before the Nazis decimated the city's Jewish community, Vilnius — then known by its Polish name, Vilna — was called "the Lithuanian Jerusalem" as a tribute to its intellectual leadership among the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe.

True to its reputation, the new-found treasures include approximately 5,000 Jewish books, 20,000 issues of more than 150 Jewish newspapers, 70 Torah scrolls and the correspondence of prewar Jewish luminaries such as pioneering Yiddish linguist Max Weinreich and the legendary Rabbi Israel Meir HaCohen, revered the world over as the Chofetz Chaim.

YIVO, founded in Vilna by Weinreich in 1925, moved to New York City at the onset of World War II. A major portion of the new-found archives belonged to YIVO's prewar collection.

Everything ends in 1939

Norich and YIVO's chief archivist, Marek Web, were in Vilna in early March to attend the inaugural conference of the Jewish Cultural Association of Lithuania at the invitation of Emmanuel Singer, the association's director.

Norich met Singer in Poland last April at the 45th anniversary commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. "At that time," Norich said, "Singer told me that they had discovered some YIVO material in Vilnius.

"The day I arrived in Vilnius," Norich said, "Singer took me directly to the book centre," an old, white, Franciscan monastery now used as a warehouse. In the chapel, estimated to be at least 1,000 square feet, were stacks of Jewish newspapers in Lithuanian, Polish and Yiddish.

According to Norich, the neatly wrapped and labeled papers contained what appeared to be the complete publishing run of numerous Jewish newspapers from the early 1920s through 1939.

Sadly, Norich added, "Everything ends in 1939," the beginning of the war.

Some of the treasures recently found are thought to be from a Nazi collection, while others appear to have been smuggled away from the Nazis and buried for safekeeping by slave laborers, including some non-Jewish Lithuanians, working at the risk of their lives.

In June 1945, the U.S. Army identified a portion of the YIVO collection in a suburb outside Frankfurt, where the Nazis had shipped it. In 1947, some 80,000 books and archival documents and photos were sent to YIVO headquarters in New York.

In 1946, the Soviets took what the Nazis had left in Vilna as the centrepiece for a Jewish museum of their own. That musuem closed in 1949, and Norich speculated that some of its holdings ended up at the monastery book centre.

Warsaw's last functioning synagogue has installed its first rabbi in 35 years

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Warsaw's sole functioning synagogue installed a new rabbi last week in what is believed to be the first ceremony of its kind in some 35 years.

Menachem Joskowicz will officiate at the Nozyk Synagogue, according to Rabbi Chaskel Besser, who is chairman of activities in Poland for the Ronald Lauder Foundation.

Joskowicz, who is about 60 years old is from Jerusalem, but was originally from Lodz, Poland.

The synagogue, located at No. 4 Ulica Twarda, was renovated about two years ago by the Polish government, said Besser. Since then, it has been seeing a renaissance with large attendances at monthly concerts of recorded hazzanut — the songs of the famed cantors.

Besser, who regularly visits Poland, says that as many as 300 people now attend Shabbat services in the synagogue, and that at least 700 people attend the concerts. The synagogue seats 1,000 persons, he said.

Besser said there have been times when the synagogue has hosted standing-room-only crowds for the concerts, which are organized by the Lauder Foundation, together with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

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Former envoy predicts improved Japan-Israel ties

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Japan must be convinced that it can do business with Israel *and* the Arabs, Israel's former ambassador in Tokyo says.

"In terms of compliance with the Arab economic boycott of Israel, the Japanese are more Catholic than the Pope," said Yaacov Cohen in an interview. "In no other country has the boycott made as many inroads as in Japan."

Cohen, Israel's envoy from 1985 to 1988, said that Japan's emergence as an economic giant since the end of World War II stems in part from the fact that it has used the free trade system to its advantage.

"The boycott is an act of discrimination against Israel, and since Japan is part of the Western world, it should abide by the rules of free trade."

Cohen, however, believes that Japan has begun to moderate what he described as its pro-Arab policy. "There has been a gradual improvement in our bilateral relations of late," he observed, "but no real breakthrough as yet."

Cohen, who was recently appointed assistant director general of the ministry of foreign affairs' economic department after having served as an advisor to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, did not rule out further improvements in Israel-Japan relations in the next five years. This, he said, will be one of his goals as he settles into his new job.

Explaining that Japan's foreign policy is dictated by economic factors, Cohen said that Japan adopted a strikingly pro-Arab stance as the Arab oil embargo came into effect after the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Fearing Arab reaction, Japan kept its relations with Israel at a low level, refusing to send trade missions, or cabinet ministers, to the Jewish state.

Since the mid-1980s, the Japanese have tried to be more even-handed, with the foreign ministers of Japan and Israel having exchanged visits. As well, there have been reciprocal visits of economic delegations — resulting in an upsurge of 2-way trade, from $355 million (U.S.) in 1985 to $1.2 billion (U.S.) last year.

Japan, he said, has become Israel's third largest export market, after the U.S. and Britain, with diamonds accounting for about 70% of Israel's exports. And because Japan still continues "to neglect our market," Israel has the honor of being the only Western nation with a positive balance of trade with Japan, he added.

Yaacov Cohen

Cohen said that big Japanese companies, such as Toyota and Honda, still boycott Israel.

Faced with this kind of resistance, Israel has dealt with medium-size and small companies whose interests in the Arab world are minimal.

Israel has also circumvented the Arab boycott by trading with Japanese provinces, Cohen said.

And recently, Israeli and Japanese firms have undertaken joint ventures in high technology.

Cohen said the refusal by Japan Air Lines to fly to Israel is a function of Japan's political timidity. Japan, he noted, buys about 55% of its oil supplies in the Middle East.

Cohen, Israel's former non-resident ambassador to South Korea, said the decision by Israel in the late 1970s to close its embassy in Seoul was "an error." Israel closed it during an austerity drive, and since then the Korean government has not acceded to Israeli requests to reopen it.

As in Japan, the Arab boycott is strong in South Korea, Cohen said.

"But we have a lot of friends in South Korea, especially in the Christian community, and I think very positive relations will develop between us."

He expressed disappointment with Israel's free trade pact with the European Economic Community (EEC), which was signed in May of 1975.

"It's not working to our satisfaction," said Cohen, who headed an interministerial committee which drafted the agreement. "We thought a new era for our exports in the EEC would open up. But the EEC has erected trade barriers, though not specifically against Israel. Our trade, especially in agriculture, has suffered. And imports from the EEC have gained."

Since 1975, the EEC has absorbed about a third of Israel's exports, compared to the previous 42%, he pointed out.

Can Israel adapt to an integrated West European market in 1992? "If we do so intelligently, we can hold our position. I think we're capable of it."

Cohen having negotiated Israel's trade agreement with Egypt in 1979 and 1980, said Cairo has not lived up to expectations because it links politics and trade. "Much more could be done, given a positive Egyptian attitude."

Cohen, the organizing chairman of the recent Conference on Jewish Solidarity in Jerusalem, said the need for such a meeting arose after Rita Hauser, an American Jew, "embraced" (Yasser) Arafat in Stockholm late last year.

"An impression was created of a division among the Jewish people. The conference demonstrated that while dissent exists it is not representative of the mainstream in the Diaspora. Israel's (recently-unveiled) peace plan has the support of the Diaspora, the Israeli government and the U.S. Now there must be an effort to convince the Arabs to accept it."

Cohen urged Arab states to abolish the boycott as proof of their moderation toward Israel.

Anticipating, or hoping for, a resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute, Cohen disclosed he intends to draft plans for future economic cooperation between Israel and the Arab world.

Pope sends Herzog appeal on Lebanon

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Pope John Paul II has pleaded with President Chaim Herzog to take urgent measures to prevent the destruction of Lebanon. The appeal was made in a personal communique delivered recently by the apostolic delegate in Jerusalem.

Writing that he considers it his duty to bring the problem to Herzog's attention, the Pope explains that he does so "with a fervent appeal that steps be urgently taken which are indispensable for the purpose of preventing the destruction with which Lebanon is being threatened." He does not suggest however, what those steps should be.

It is the first time that the Pope has sent a personal message to the President.

In his reply, Herzog expressed the hope that the Pope's appeal "will awaken the conscience of the world," and stated that Israel has been "horrified anew" by the current wave of violence — this time in the form of heavy Syrian artillery bombardment of the Lebanese Christian population.

Auschwitz convent to be relocated

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The cardinal in charge of Vatican relations with world Jewry told Jewish leaders last week that the Carmelite nuns occupying the controversial convent at Auschwitz will be relocated. But he could not say when such a move would take place.

Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, president of the Vatican Commission on Religious Relations With the Jews, said that the implementation of a February 1987 accord promising the convent's relocation by February 1989 was effectively in the hands of the local prelate, Cardinal Franciszek Macharski of Krakow, Poland.

He told representatives of the International Jewish Committee on Interfaith Consultations that eventually the matter would have to be resolved by authorities of the Polish Catholic Church.

Willebrands acknowledged the worldwide importance of the convent matter and his desire to see it favorably resolved.

Montrealer Gross named president of Canadian ORT

MONTREAL —

Bernard Gross has accepted the presidency of the Canadian ORT Organization, Shelley Appleton, chairman of the executive committee of the World ORT Union, has announced.

Gross is a partner in Milgram & Co. Ltd., customs brokers. He succeeds Dr. Victor Goldbloom who resigned last December.

Gross has been president of Montreal Men's ORT for several years. "Following his significant success and contribution, (he) was invited to take up the position of national president of the Canadian ORT Organization," said Appleton.

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Bernard Gross

Ottawa mayor meets with Kollek

By
WOLF MATSDORF

JERUSALEM —

Ottawa Mayor James Durrell was given a special luncheon reception by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek upon his arrival here from Cairo last week.

The mayor was accompanied by the Ottawa city clerk, J. R. Cyr, Giseli Zetchos, special assistant to the Mayor, and businessmen Richard Raymond and Bruce Hillory.

The groups were guests of the Israeli foreign office, and during their stay in Israel, they visited the Canada Forest, the Dead Sea, as well as Jericho and Massada. Later they attended the official opening of the Israel Festival in Jerusalem, which featured a production of Offenbach's Tales of Hoffmann.

It was Durrell's first visit to Jerusalem, and the mayor said his expectations had lived up to his dreams. He said he was not concerned about unfavorable publicity, as the "media tend to exaggerate." He also said that he was very moved when visiting the Western Wall on Friday night and watched young yeshiva students dancing and praying.

Kollek pointed out how the green belts in Jerusalem had contributed towards the beautification of the city, particularly in spring when Dutch friends of Jerusalem sent 100,000 tulip bulbs. Kollek presented his guests with the replica of a Middle-Age map of the world with Jerusalem as the centre, while Durrell presented Kollek with a Canadian beaver hat.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Popular Yiddish poet-composer Mordechai Gebirtig was killed by the Nazis on June 4, 1942. His songs, which commemorate the bittersweetness of Jewish life, continue to be sung, by, among others, a non-Jewish German ensemble.

Born in Cracow in 1877, Gebirtig spent his life as a carpenter. He realized his talent for expression in word and music early on. Composing his music on a flute, he had a friend write down the notes. His wistful and moving songs caught on quickly among workers and tradesmen, and students. By the time critics took any notice of them, they had spread across Eastern Europe and new immigrant communities in North America. Typical are:

- *Kartoful Zup Mit Shvomen* (potato soup with mushrooms), a wistful satire of household conflicts.
- *In Fabrik*, a throbbing depiction of the deadly monotony of primitive factory work.
- *Huylet, Huylet, Kinderlach*, a moving plea to be able to once again join children in their innocent play.
- *Avreml Der Marvicher*, a tongue and cheek description of a luftmensch, whose party wheeling and dealing epitomized the efforts of the untrained to stave off ghetto poverty.

Gebirtig also wrote moving love songs, in which realism and humor blended with romance and hope. The travails of childbearing, too, did not escape his attention: One song from the mother's point of view underscores the tears that will yet flow from her eyes by the time her soaking baby in the crib becomes a bridegroom.

Gebirtig is best known for the prophetic *Undzer Shtetl Brent* (our neighborhood is burning), written in 1938 after the Polish pogrom in Przytyk. Its stark simple words and catchy music grip the listener just as the flames that he describes grip and overwhelm his shtetl, as its residents stand by helplessly. The song continues to be sung in Holocaust memorial assemblies.

Gebirtig was among some 50,000 Jews trapped when the Nazis made a sealed ghetto in Cracow. He was able to divert and comfort his fellow doomed until he, his wife, and two daughters were killed together . . .

Some 25 years later, Manfred Lemm, a young West German folksinger preparing for a cultural exchange visit to Tel Aviv, came across Gebirtig's songs. The Six Day War scotched the visit but not Lemm's increasing devotion to Gebirtig's and other Yiddish music. He began to perform them in live and radio concerts, to audiences that were largely judenrein — without Jews. A Jewish New York radio executive happened to hear a couple of Lemm's songs while vacationing in Kenya. He contacted him, and began collecting and sending on to him as many of Gebirtig's lyrics as he could find.

Lemm was able to cut three record albums of Yiddish music. They include 35 of Gebirtig's 91 songs.

Recently, Lemm peformed the songs in Israel, as noted in the Sept. 8 issue of The CJN. Germany's Edition Kunstlertreff, in Wuppertal (ph: 02 02 559478) has issued an audio-cassette of Lemm and his group performing 16 of Gebirtig's songs.

Last month, Lemm and the group, all non-Jews, were invited by Poland to perform Gebirtig's songs in Cracow.

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INPARSHAL WORDS: neged

The Torah contains many words echoed in English. In this week's parsha Bamidbar, *neged* means contrary to or against. It suggests negative and its derivations, and possibly against.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary takes negative, negation, and so forth as far as the Latin *neg-*, which means not. Negate literally means to put in a state of not being. Negotiate is a state of not leisure. (*Otium* is Latin for leisure.) The COD does not go any further back, a curious halt in a dictionary whose etymological suggestions are usually taken beyond ancient Greek to hypothesized Germanic or Indo-European roots.

In Hebrew, the letters *nun* and *gimmel* making up the *ng-* sound are the base for a series of words denoting opposition and notness. *Nega' a* is a plague, a widespread state of not being in health *Nager* means to strike sharply or gore, a brutal localized opposition to a point on the flesh. *Nogah*, the name for the planet Venus, also denotes a painfully blinding light of cosmic proportions. *Neger* is a dike, which does not let the water flow.

About against: The COD traces it through Middle English *ayen* and Old High German *ingagen* to the hypothetical (as denoted by an asterisk) Germanic root **gagen*, with hard gs. The latter is like the Yiddish word for against, *gaigen*.

In moving within and between languages, words occasionally reverse their letters. The reverse of gagen contains nega.

IDF leader confident

Syrian war not seen as inevitable

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Syria is preparing to wage war alone against Israel, but that does not mean war is inevitable, according to Maj.-Gen. Yossi Peled, head of the Israel Defence Forces Northern Command.

On the contrary, Peled is optimistic that Syrian president Hafez Assad will ultimately opt for talks rather than confrontation. He is also confident about the IDF's ability to defeat the Syrians, should Assad make the mitake of choosing the military option.

"When dealing with a subject such as Syria, we have to examine two aspects — whether the Syrians have the motivation (to go to war) and whether they have the capabilities to put this motivation, if it exists, into operation," said Peled. "The motivation is definitely there and they are talking about it. The Syrians regard the Golan Heights as belonging to them, and are not, it seems, altogether certain that they can get it back through negotiations, and therefore there exists the military option."

There have been reports that the nature of Syrian army exercises have recently switched from defensive tactics to practising offensive maneuvers.

"If you ask me whether Syria is preparing for war, the answer is yes. Assad is preparing the military option," Peled stated. "Syria is investing enormous amounts (of money, time and energy) in building up its armed forces and you have only to look at the character of their training to see the direction in which they are going.

"I don't want, however, to suggest, even remotely, that there will be a war (with Syria). There is a worldwide trend at the moment towards resolving problems which indicates that countries are tired of conflict."

He cited as examples the ending of the Iran-Iraq war, the Russian withdrawal from Afghanistan, the marked reduction of American interferance in Nicaragua and the Cuban pullout from Angola.

Barbie aide arrested

PARIS (JTA) —

Paul Touvier, France's most wanted wartime collaborator and a close aide to convicted war criminal Klaus Barbie, was arrested last week in Nice and flown to Paris. He faces trial for crimes against humanity.

Touvier, 74, was twice sentenced to death in absentia for war crimes. But he was granted an official pardon by the late President Georges Pompidou in 1972 and was able to recover his personal possessions.

The statute of limitations on war crimes had come into effect by then, and the French judicial system had yet to recognize crimes against humanity, the statute under which Barbie, the so-called "Butcher of Lyon," was tried and convicted in 1987.

Touvier, who was known as "the French Barbie" for his brutality toward Jews and resistance fighters, was sheltered for many years by traditionalist Catholics.

After families of his victims got his pardon rescinded because of his involvement in crimes against humanity, Touvier found haven at a monastery in Nice, where he was finally arrested.

The Priory of St. Francois belongs to excommunicated Roman Catholic Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, a die-hard opponent of the Catholic-Jewish rapprochement mandated by the second Vatican Council.

Touvier, who was police chief in Lyon during the Vichy regime, was responsible for rounding up Jews for deportation on orders of the Gestapo.

He personally handed over seven Jews from Rillieux-le-Pape, near Lyon, who were shot in reprisal for the assassination of a Vichy minister.

Touvier is also held responsible for the murders in 1944 of the former president of the French League for Human Rights, Victor Basch, who was then at least 80, and his wife.

Stop intifada by force: Israel poll

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

A recent poll shows that more than half of Israelis support the use of greater military force in the administered territories, and they believe that the 16-month-old Palestinian uprising can be suppressed by force.

This was revealed by a Pori poll conducted among 1,200 Jewish men and women over 18. The results were published in Ha'aretz.

In response to the question, "Are you for or against the use of greater military force to suppress the uprising in the territories," 54.6% replied in the affirmative, 36.6% were opposed and 8.8% had no opinion.

Asked, "Do you think it possible or impossible to suppress the uprising in the territories by military force," 53% thought it was possible, 38.1% said impossible and 8.9% had no opinion.

A majority of Israelis back territorial compromise to resolve the problem of the territories, according to a Dahaf poll reported in Yediot Achronot.

Taken on the eve of Passover among 656 adults, the poll revealed that territorial compromise was favored by 33%, 27% favored autonomy and 22% opted for annexation.

The status quo was preferred by 9%, and 5% supported a Palestinian state.

The same poll showed that 17% support negotiations now with the Palestine Liberation Organization, 41% would support negotiations under certain conditions and 39% oppose talks with the PLO under any circumstances.

A Modi'in Ezrachi poll published in Hadashot contained bad news for the Labor Party.

If elections were held now, Labor would win just 29 Knesset seats, down from the 39 it won in the November 1988 elections, the poll showed.

Likud would hold firm at 40 seats, while the religious parties would do about the same in new elections as they did in the last one.

But parties on the left and right of the political spectrum would enlarge their Knesset representation, with significant gains for the left.

The Citizens Rights Movement would increase from 5 to 9 Knesset seats, Mapam would go from 3 to 5 and the Center-Shinui party from 2 to 3 seats.

On the right, Moledet and Tsomet would each increase its Knesset delegation from 2 to 3 seats, while Tehiya would go from 3 to 4 seats.

Far from the political realm was a study conducted by the education ministry's psychological counseling services, reported by Hadashot.

It found that 25% of high school students had full sexual relations and another 25% partial sexual relations. Forty percent of the students having sex used birth control.

Hadashot observed that this accounts for the fact that only 13 unwanted pregnancies were discovered during the study among 2,400 students fro- 12 high schools.

U.S. applauds W. German arrest of corporate boss

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The U.S. state department last week welcomed West Germany's arrest of a chemical executive accused of helping Libya build a poison gas plant.

The executive, Jurgen Hippenstiel-Imhausen of Imhausen-Chemie, was arrested "on suspicion of violating West German export laws," The New York Times reported.

The Times quoted West Germany's prosecutor in the case, Holger Preisendanz, as saying he "is strongly suspected of having played a significant personal role" in planning and building the Libyan plant in the desert town of Rabta.

Hippenstiel-Imhausen, who is the first person arrested on charges of helping construct the plant, has denied any involvement with the facility, The Times reported.

U.S. seeks help from the WJC

WASHINGTON —

The United States department of justice has requested the assistance of the World Jewish Congress in efforts to locate witnesses of crimes committed by members of SS guard companies assigned to Nazi concentration camps.

It seeks to interview persons imprisoned at the camps listed below between the dates specified: Sachsenhausen/Oranienburg, June 1943 - September 1944; Stutthof, November 1942 - April 1944; Buchenwald, May 1943 - April 1945; Majdanek, November 1943 - April 1944; and Flossenburg, February 1945 - April 1945.

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Words are just that

While we have always been ready to recognize Ariel Sharon's military leadership qualities, his personal bravery and his heroic roles in several wars, we have also been somewhat skittish about his political views.

There is no gainsaying, however, that Sharon made some very important points in a recent article in The Jerusalem Post (May 13).

Sharon argues that the recent murder of two elderly residents of Jerusalem by a Palestinian shows that the intifada is no longer restricted to the territories but has come to Israel proper. Those who temporize in reacting to this kind of event, says Sharon, promote the "acquiescing in our fate" syndrome.

In his blunt opinion piece, Sharon also makes the telling point that the cosmetics industry has succeeded in prettifying the Arafat image — judging from the fawning adulation heaped on him by Western journalists and governments. They hang on every word uttered by this terrorist thug.

But Israel should understand that any leader who could revoke the Palestine National Covenant — the infamous document which declares the State of Israel null and void — by making a casual remark at a press conference, could also restore it in a flash.

"And if the Palestinian Declaration of Independence can be annulled by the current leader on the spur of the moment, then there will be no difficulty for him and anyone succeeding him to totally abrogate other, less important documents. For example, any agreement with Israel," says Sharon.

Sharon's concern about the integrity of Arafat and the reliability of any negotiations which involve him or his representatives is one shared by all who understand that Israel's security can never be left to the discretion of others.

Jeane Kirkpatrick, the former American ambassador to the United Nations, observed recently that when the PLO applied for admission to the World Health Organization, Arafat's letter was written on the official stationery of the State of Palestine, "and bore, in addition to the name, a logo consisting of a silhouette of the entire nation of Israel."

This pictorial hint about the PLO's plans for the geography of Eretz Yisroel explains, in part, Ariel Sharon's blunt words of warning to Israel. It is a warning that all friends of Israel can understand.

Misplaced mercy

We note, with a profound sense of sadness, the trend recently observed in Holland and Germany to display a bizarre sense of compassion towards Nazi murderers and their accomplices.

In Amsterdam a parliamentary decision reached in late January led to the release of two Nazis, Franz Fisher and Ferdinand Finten, men responsible for the deaths of more than 10,000 Jews during the Holocaust.

A court in Bielefeld, West Germany, has sentenced a former SS officer, Karl Friederich Hoecker to four years in prison for complicity in the murder of at least 60 Jews in the Majdanek death camp. Witnesses at his trial reported that Hoecker "was a cruel man who gladly resorted to sadistic practices in dealing with Jewish inmates."

At the risk of contradicting Shakespeare's dictum about the quality of mercy being an absolute value, we feel that mercy to the merciless is a senseless and immoral gesture because of the way in which it devaluates human dignity, and in this particular case, the Jewish victims of Nazi terror.

Edward Alexander points out that according to the Talmud, "whoever saves a single life saves a whole world but in this world . . . the noblest motives, if not tempered by unrelaxing awareness . . . can have the most disastrous consequences and saving single lives may involve endangering a whole nation. The authors of that Talmudic saying were themselves fully aware that failure to punish the wicked is failure to uphold the honor of their dead victims."

The leniency exhibited by German courts and the Dutch parliament is a misguided gesture, and one, moreover, which serves to de-accentuate the criminal uniqueness of Nazi crimes. That this should occur in West Germany is not surprising because intellectuals in that country have been trying, of late, to persuade the world that Nazi crimes were no different than those committed by the Soviets, except for the fact that Nazi victims were killed on account of their race while Soviet victims were executed because of their class.

What is surprising is that the Dutch, themselves occupied by the Nazis in the Second World War, should whisk away the fate of Dutch Jewry by exhibiting a misplaced compassion towards its executioners.

Community now almost non-existent

Book recalls Jews of Rhodes

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Rhodes, a resort island in the Aegean Sea measuring 45 miles long by 20 miles wide, has been home to a Jewish community since antiquity. Under the Ottoman Turks, Rhodes became an important Sephardi centre, and by the 19th century some 4,000 Jews lived there.

In 1912, in the aftermath of the Balkan Wars, Rhodes was occupied by Italy. Nazi-style racial laws in 1938 prompted a partial exodus of the Jewish population, and the 1943 German invasion led to an unprecedented disaster — deportation to Auschwitz. By 1945, only 161 Jews were left on Rhodes, a Greek dependency today.

Rebecca Amato Levy was one of the lucky ones. She survived the Holocaust, but not in Rhodes. In 1939, sensing that war was on the horizon, she emigrated. During World War II, she lived in Tangiers, Morocco, as a displaced person. In 1946, she settled in Los Angeles.

Levy's parents, and her sister, Lea, died in the Holocaust. The book she has written, *I Remember Rhodes* (Sepher-Hermon Press, $16.95 U.S.), brings that pre-war era back to life quite vividly. She describes her memoirs as "a tapestry" of the customs and lifestyle of that martyred community. Dedicated to her daughter, Mati, *I Remember Rhodes* is no great work of history, sociology or anthropology, but a deeply-felt, personally authentic memoir.

As she puts it: "As I am writing, my eyes fill with tears remembering these beautiful childhood days, when after finishing our chores, all the neighbors would gather to have afternoon coffee, with freshly-baked bread and boyos (spinach cheese-pies)..."

Levy spent the first 27 years of her life on Rhodes, in the Juderia (the Jewish quarter), and she waxes nostalgically as she recalls them.

"Where have these beautiful days gone? Why should these women who were so devoted to their families have to have suffered such a tragic end at the hand of the Nazis? Why did my sister — young, beautiful, healthy and full of life — have to die, and not me?"

Writing in this vein, Levy recalls the Juderia of her youth. The Ladino-speaking Jews lived in the town of Rhodes, in an enclosed fortress originally built by the Knights of St. John to protect the island from pirates and maurauders. Their homes were on streets with quaint names — The Cold and Windy Street, Street of the Crazy One, Street of the Great Synagogue, Street of the Sages, Street of Talmud Torah.

By all accounts, the Jews kept pretty much to themselves, living relatively insular lives, on an island populated also by Greeks and Turks. "...We preferred staying close to our quarter," she writes.

They worked as tailors, shoemakers, tinsmiths, grocers, tanners, goldsmiths, carpenters and bookbinders. The wealthier ones were shopkeepers and merchants. Levy notes that the largest department store in Rhodes belonged to the sons of Solomon Alhadeff.

Common Jewish names fell into three categories — the first of the oldest families, the second of Jews who arrived at the turn of the century, the third of migrants who came from Turkey and Greece after World War I.

The Alhadeffs, as well as the Amatos, the Berros, the Francos and the Habibs, among others, could trace their roots back the longest way. In the second wave, names such as Eskinazi, Gaon and Treves could be found. In the third category, the list was far longer — Behar, Catalan, Calvo, Danon, Fernandez, Hassan, Moreno, Nahum, Peres, Catan, Sarfati, Sereno, Zuvi and so on.

Men and women wore traditional garb. By the late 19th century, older males were attired in a combination of Spanish, Turkish and Arabic clothes. A typical outfit might consist of wide comfortable walking pants, with a very wide and long woolen belt around the waist. Over this was worn a long, wide shirt. Later on, rich middle-aged men wore shirts with starched collars, jackets, vests and modern pants.

Elderly women wore dress borrowed from Spain, Turkey and Greece. Middle-aged women tended to wear wide lace blouses and long gathered skirts. Their hair was pulled back and held by combs, decorated with a flower over their ears. Levy doesn't mention what young women wore.

The circumcision ceremony was traditional. The father and several male relatives stayed up all night, reading the Torah and watching the newborn baby. On its pillow was placed a small branch of *aruda*, a sweet-smelling plant symbolizing good luck, and gold leaf, or *alvarak*, which signified a brilliant future.

Marriages were arranged. Neither bride nor groom had a say in the matter. Matchmakers would receive a percentage of the dowry or a specified sum. Once the bride was married, she ordinarily relinquished any inheritance from her parents. If for some reason the engagement was called off, all the gifts had to be returned, and a contract was drawn up indicating that they were free.

All young, single women accumulated trousseaus, consisting, in part, of a velvet tablecloth, a bedspread, embroidered sheets and pillow cases, decorative pillows and a pillow the width of a bed.

When a person died, the body remained at home. This was the case until the early 1930s, when the first mortuary in Rhodes was built. At the cemetery, the casket would be opened and one of the closest relatives would take a handful of dirt, open the eyes of the deceased and place the dirt in the eyes.

"There is a saying: el ojo de la personna, no se enche ke kon un poko di tiera. Meaning that while one is alive, he never feels he has enough, and yet in death... the eye does in fact get filled... with just a handful of dirt."

It was a religious community.

Preparations for the Sabbath began on Thursday, with the changing of the linens and bedding, the thorough cleaning of the house, the baking of bread, the washing of vegetables and the cooking of the *komida*, the main course.

The Sabbath meal was elaborate — salad, fish, stuffed onions and tomatoes, rice, pasta and a macaroni and meat casserole. If a family could not afford fresh fish, salted cod would do.

Late Friday afternoon, after the cooking and cleaning was done, the mother and her children took baths. They would bathe in large earthenware or aluminum containers ordinarily used for laundry.

On Saturday morning, the father and sons went to synagogue and the daughters made breakfast — meat pies, spinach souffle, cheese turnovers, hardboiled eggs, rice pudding flavored with cinnamon and orange blossom extract, fresh fruit, coffee and sweets.

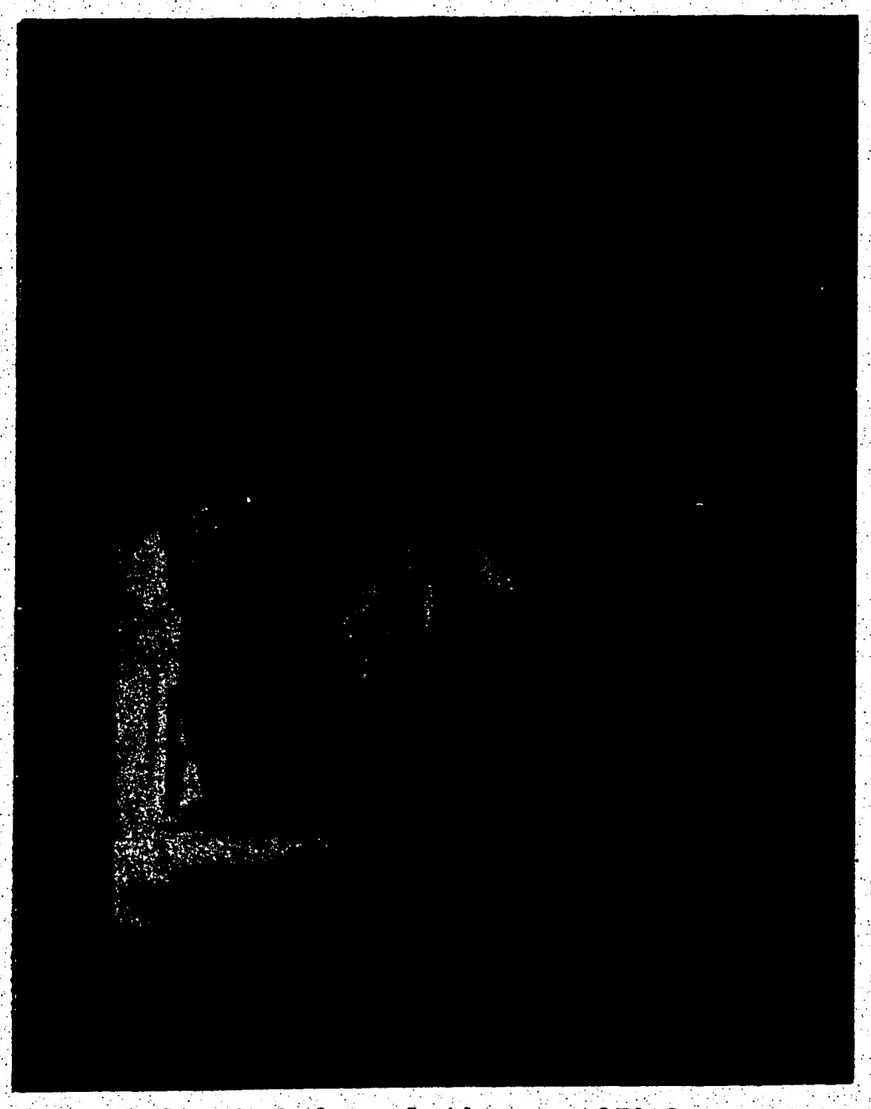
After breakfast, the men rested, then visited the sick. The women would "exchange gossip" and munch on peanuts, dried garbanzo beans and toasted pumpkin and watermelon seeds. After lunch, the parents took a nap, which was followed by a Turkish coffee break.

The High Holidays were special, as was the food served on these occasions. The day before Yom Kippur, for example, families ate a rich, leisurely meal of fish, meat pies, chicken, fruit and coffee. In breaking the fast, they drank *pepitada* (a liquid made from melon seeds) and ate bread dunked into olive oil, cheese, fried fish and spinach or tomato souffle.

Home remedies were popular and superstitions were widespread. If a person had a headache, raw potato or cucumber slices were placed on his head. If he suffered from diarrhea, he would be given rice soup, with lots of lemon and pepper.

Folk beliefs ran the gamut from the ordinary to the incredible: You do not pass under a ladder; you do not use a broken mirror; you do not throw eggs at night; you do not eat olives on Saturday night; if you see a Greek priest, you must touch metal, or you'll have bad luck.

Such were the customs, folkways and beliefs of the Jews of Rhodes. Thanks to Rebecca Amato Levy, they are preserved for future generations.



Street in the former Jewish quarter of Rhodes.

Opinion

Jacob Frank saw himself as a revolutionary

Plaut's book provides new look at false messiah

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Charlatan.

Until recently, that's how most historians viewed Jewish sect leader Jacob Frank, a man whose bizarre teachings attracted thousands of followers in Central and Eastern Europe in the 1700s.

Now a fresh perspective is being offered with the publication of Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut's 17th book, *The Man Who Would Be Messiah*.

"Most historians think Frank was a charlatan, but the funny thing is, in my interpretation, yes, he was a deceiver, but he was very serious about what he was teaching," says Plaut, senior scholar at Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple.

"He believed he would overturn Judaism and the world. He was a revolutionary."

Frank, who lived from 1726-91, rose like a meteor from relatively obscure middle class beginnings in southeastern Poland to head the Frankist sect, a revival of the Shabbatean movement of the century before.

Frank's movement quickly gained followers in Turkey, Poland, Austria and Germany, and he developed ties with some of Europe's monarchs and highly-placed aristocracy.

His hallmark teaching was nihilism in which he denied the validity of traditional values. One of his postulations was that all forbidden things would now be allowed, including adultery and incest.

Frank's teachings appealed to all sectors of Jewish society, even Bohemia's upper classes, Plaut says.

"People were very expectant," the 76-year-old German-born rabbi says.

"They wanted to have some hope for the future and Frank appealed to a particular segment — a mystical segment who wanted to force Redemption."

Although Plaut's book, published by Mosaic Press, of Oakville, Ont. strives to tell Frank's story, it's largely a work of fiction since complete records of the sect leader's life don't exist.

"It's an historical novel — biographical fiction — based on his life," Plaut says.

"There really isn't enough about his life that we actually know, so I had to fill it in with a lot of imagination."

Plaut, who resigned from Holy Blossom's pulpit in 1977 to complete his best-selling commentary *The Torah*, says he can't remember exactly why he chose to write about Frank.

He first heard of the legendary figure in the 1930s and soon after began keeping a file on him with notations. He thought to himself, "One day I'm going to really take him up."

Then, one day almost six decades later, as he paused for a break between books, he came upon his file bulging with notes on Frank.

At first he tried to collaborate with Nobel Prize laureate Elie Wiesel, of New York. The two thought they would go to Poland and delve through archives. But Plaut couldn't speak Polish and the partnership didn't work out.

Then Plaut began researching published material in English, Hebrew and German. Frank soon proved to be an elusive character.

One of the things Plaut discovered was that Frank's teachings changed after awhile, with a kind of "overturning of values."

For example, Frank began saying that things like adultery and incest would be restricted only to him. Others could enjoy it only once the world had been saved.

In other words, Frank began billeting himself as a "sample of what was yet to come," Plaut says.

"This man recognized that a lot of people really want to do what is forbidden. It's only custom — very religious conviction, usually fear — that keeps them in bounds."

Frank — who freely practiced adultery and wanted to indulge in incest with his daughter, whom he loved and who eventually succeeded him — profited from his position, eventually becoming rich.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut

But in the final analysis, it was a "hand to mouth" existence and he eventually died, his movement disintegrating, the rabbi says.

Plaut says he's one of the first to take Frank more seriously. However, surprisingly, his book, out since last fall, has so far elicited little criticism or reviews.

"It has not as yet received scholarly critiques. But, of course, it has to be read as a work of fiction by scholar and non-scholar alike," he says.

Plaut, who received a Bachelor of Law and Doctor of Laws in Berlin, was ordained a rabbi after graduating from Cincinnati's Hebrew Union College in 1939. He had married his sweetheart, Elizabeth Strauss, on Kristallnacht a year earlier after fleeing Hitler to the U.S. in 1935.

During part of the war years, Plaut served as a chaplain for the U.S. army. Stationed in the U.S. and overseas in Europe, he was decorated with the prestigious Bronze Star for his brave efforts in a front line infantry division.

Returning to America, Plaut later resumed a pulpit in Chicago. In 1948 he and his family — by now he had two children, Jonathan and Judith — moved to St. Paul, Minn. to take over a congregation.

In 1961, seeking new challenges, he was lured to Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple after the shul's former Rabbi Abraham Feinberg retired.

Plaut, himself, retired from the pulpit in 1977.

Or, as he prefers to phrase it, "I didn't retire, I just changed occupations.

"I went from being employed to being self-employed."

Shortly before his retirement, he became the first rabbi to take the helm of Canadian Jewish Congress as national president. He held that post for three years until 1980.

A year later, in 1981, his 1,800-page commentary on the Torah, which took 17 years to complete, was published. Adopted by Reform and many Conservative congregations, it has been a worldwide "phenomenal" best seller. It's now in its sixth edition and is being translated into Hebrew in Israel, Plaut says.

"It's perhaps the most successful Jewish book in print right now," he says.

"I really quit the pulpit because I wanted to finish the work.

"I had a choice. If I stayed on as rabbi, it would be an enormous task and I would have large community responsibilities. I was worried I wouldn't be able to finish the commentary."

In the past decade, Plaut has also served as vice-chairman of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and from 1984-85 he formed a 1-person federal commission to revise refugee legislation in Canada.

His many honors include being named an Officer of the Order of Canada. He has also been awarded the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews' Humanitarian Award.

This month, he looks forward to receiving an honorary life membership from the Canadian Council for Refugees.

Plaut — whose books have mainly focused on biblical studies, philosophy and history although he has more recently turned his computer keyboard to fiction writing — also lectures worldwide on topics such as refugees, immigration and Jewish issues.

Plaut says his next book — *The Magen David - How It Became the Jewish Symbol* — will be printed this summer by B'nai B'rith Books, of Washington.

Substitutes aggada for halacha

Burak's argument flawed, says Meirovich

RABBI HARVEY W. MEIROVICH, of Toronto's Beth Sholom Synagogue, comments here on earlier CJN columns by Rabbi Moses Burak on drafting yeshiva students for military service in Israel.

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In two editions of The Canadian Jewish News (Nov. 10, 1988, and Jan. 5, 1989), the following question was posed to Rabbi Moses Burak in his column entitled Living Halacha: "Do you think it's fair for yeshiva students in Israel not to be drafted for military service?"

Rabbi Burak claimed that as a civilized nation, Israel should exempt Torah scholars from serving in the Israel Defence Forces and then cited his own exemption from U.S. army service during World War II as proof of how a civilized nation treats its "theologues."

The rabbi purports to substantiate his position on halachic grounds but, in fact, he violates the spirit of halacha which he is so insistent on defending.

The first argument the rabbi marshals is an instance of military draft initiated by Abraham in his attempt to rescue his nephew Lot. As understood by R. Abbahu in the Talmud (Nedarim 32a), this draft included scholars for which, in R. Abbahu's opinion, Abraham was punished to the degree that his descendants were enslaved in Egypt for 210 years. Thus, Rabbi Burak concludes, "even Abraham was not forgiven for taking men away from their Torah studies."

Though the passage appears to vindicate Rabbi Burak's halachic ruling, it in fact does not for the following reason: R. Abbahu's opinion falls outside the parameters of halachic discussion. R. Abbahu's claim is not to be treated as a statement of *halacha* but of *aggada*. Aggada, (from the root meaning 'to tell') deals with every comment and observation which falls outside the rubric of halacha. Halacha, (from the root meaning "to walk"), legislates outward observance and thus stresses conformity. In contrast, aggada deals with the feelings of the heart, the passionate convictions of rabbinic teachers who used their intellects in an effort to "read" God's thoughts.

In the case of R. Abbahu, he seeks to answer a most perplexing theological question: if God promised such a glorious future to Abraham's descendants, then why did they end up suffering in the slavepits of Egypt?

Most assuredly, not only the question but any answers which come to mind do not fall into the area of halacha but touch to the very core of theology. R. Abbahu's question has a contemporary ring: How could God seemingly abandon his Chosen People during the Shoah?

To raise the issue of God's historical involvement in these events will invariably call forth a multiplicty of legitimate answers based on individual perceptions of who man is and how God operates in history. Thus, unlike halacha which is ultimately concerned with how Jews *act*, aggada highlights the diverse ways in which Jews *think*.

Consequently, the Talmudic passage cited by Rabbi Burak falls squarely and exclusively into the realm of aggada, not halacha. Furthermore, in his choice of drawing upon an aggadic citation as a halachic prooftext, he violates the historic legal principle, dating from the 10th century, pertaining to the formulation of halacha: "ain somcheen al divrei aggada" — "a scholar may not invoke aggadic sayings in order to establish what is permitted by Jewish law." Not surprisingly, therefore, R. Abbahu's theological claim is completely omitted by Maimonides in his monumental legal code, the Mishneh Torah, where he deals with the issue of civilians serving in the army of the Jewish state.

In a further effort to buttress his claim, Rabbi Burak relies on the biblical verses in the Book of Deuteronomy (20:5-8) which indeed allows for draft exemptions for specific groups in the community, for example, a betrothed man who has not yet married and one who is fainthearted.

What is most disturbing is that Rabbi Burak conveniently chooses to read these scriptural verses without their rabbinic overlay. It is surely incumbent upon him as an interpreter of rabbinic tradition to share with us how these biblical verses were understood within the pages of the Talmud itself. That which Rabbi Burak fails to record is rendered by Maimonides who summarizes the rabbinic debate (in the tractate of Sotah) by noting that in discharging a Jew from army service, an absolute distinction is made between an optional or discretionary war (milchemet reshut), and a religious obligatory war (milchemet mitzvah).

An optional war, to use modern language, is defined as a war of imperialism waged by a Jewish ruler to extend Israel's borders and to enhance his personal prestige. In the considered judgment of the talmudic sages, the biblical references to army exemptions in the Book of Deuteronomy apply only to this kind of war which is self-serving.

However, in religious obligatory wars, defined, in part, as wars of self-defence which are waged to deliver the state from enemies bent on her destruction, "all are in duty bound to go forth, even the bridegroom out of his chamber and the bride out of her pavilion" (see Maimonides, Laws of Kings and Wars VII, 4; Positive Commandment 191).

Rabbi Burak's research methodology leaves a false impression as to the thrust of halachic thinking. A serious case can be advanced that Torah scholars in fact do have a responsibility to participate in defending the Jewish state against external aggression, a posture adopted by Israel's late Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, as noted by Rabbi Burak. One more pertinent insight can be gleaned from a relevant Talmudic passage (Sotah 43a).

From a rabbinic perspective, even those who withdrew from the battle lines for the reasons cited in Dueteronomy were, nevertheless, expected to support the war effort by serving in secondary, back-up capacities by providing water and food and repairing the roads for the army. In other words, every ablebodied person was expected to assist in some way. There was no such thing as an absolute exemption.

Hence, even if one were so inclined to exempt Torah scholars from front line duty, this would not excuse them from performing some form of government-sanctioned obligatory national service.

To be sure, in the early years of the Jewish state, army exemptions were issued to the remnant of yeshiva scholars who survived the Shoah in order to ensure that the depth of rabbinic tradition would be passed on to a new generation. Thankfully, this crisis situation no longer exists. In 1989, the yeshiva world in Israel and abroad is thriving. There is, therefore, no further reason to exempt yeshiva students from military service.

Opinion

Movie mogul consumed by desire to succeed

Goldwyn's insecurity produced steamroller drive

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Sam Goldwyn was the quintessential Hollywood mogul, an impoverished Polish Jewish immigrant who was one of the genuine pioneers of the American film industry.

By the time he died in 1974, at the ripe age of 91, he had produced films like *Wuthering Heights, Dodsworth, The Little Foxes* and *The Best Years of Our Lives*, and had worked with such luminaries as Gary Cooper, Laurence Olivier, Howard Hawks and John Ford.

Goldwyn's image was cultivated by an army of publicists, so that when Carol Easton began work on a biography, she had to sift through "tons of propaganda" to separate fact from fiction. "The search for Sam Goldwyn led through an obstacle course of exaggerations, evasions, ambiguities, insults, humiliations, vacillations, contradictions, absurdities and outright lies," she writes in *The Search for Sam Goldwyn (Gage, $17.95).*

In attempting to get a fix on Goldwyn, Easton sifted through newspaper files, court records and obituaries and interviewed people he had known. However, she did not succeed in interviewing Goldwyn's wife, Frances, or his two children, Samuel Jr. and Ruth Capps. And she did not gain access to his private papers.

Despite these constraints, *The Search for Sam Goldwyn*, incomplete as it is, remains a fascinating book about a seminal figure in American culture. Easton, whose father was a Hollywood agent, has written a seemingly balanced account of Goldwyn and his times.

Samuel Goldwyn in 1918

He was born in Warsaw, in "the infamous Warsaw ghetto," as Easton puts it. Why it was "infamous" she does not explain. Samuel Goldfisch, who changed his name in 1918, did not get much of a formal education. But the education he received on the streets would be useful in Hollywood, a world of which he reportedly said: "It's dog eat dog — and nobody's going to eat me."

Goldwyn left Poland at the age of 11, but Easton contends that the ghetto never left him. Goldwyn, she claims, was a paradox. Essentially insecure, he was possessed of a "monumental ego" that perceived itself as the centre of a hostile universe. Goldwyn's insecurity, egomania and paranoia, she says, produced a steamroller drive, an emphasis on outward appearances (he dressed superbly) and a lust for power and prestige.

Arriving in America penniless after an interregnum in Britain, Goldwyn headed to Gloversville, a company town near Albany, NY. Goldwyn swept the floors of Samuel Lehr's glove factory and then operated a glovemaking machine. Consumed by a desire to succeed, he studied English at night school, and convinced Lehr to let him go on the road as a salesman.

Outdistancing the competition, he became the highest-paid glove salesman in the U.S., Easton writes. He married Blanche Lasky, the sister of Jesse Lasky, a vaudeville producer. Through his brother-in-law, he entered show business, joining him in backing a Broadway play. It was a flop, but he was hooked.

In 1911, he saw his first film, a Western entitled *Broncho Billy's Adventures*, and he was transfixed. Suddenly, he knew what his life's calling would be. He and Lasky formed the Lasky Feature Play Company, the first of several companies with which Goldwyn would be involved.

The Lasky Feature Play Company, of which Goldwyn was vice-president, made Hollywood's first feature-length movie. ***The Squaw Man,*** **completed early in 1914, was the first of 21 films churned out by the Lasky/Goldwyn team that year. While Goldwyn was responsible for sales, distribution and publicity, Lasky bought properties and recruited talent.**

The partnership didn't last (neither with Lasky nor with Blanche), and Goldwyn struck out on his own. The new Goldwyn Company was successful, although Goldwyn engaged in melodramatic corporate battles with his board of directors. In 1922, having been voted out of two companies, he organized Samuel Goldwyn Productions, an independent venture with no stockholders, no partners and no board of directors.

Sam and Frances Goldwyn on their 25th anniversary, 1950.

When he was 43, he met Frances Howard McLaughlin, a 21-year-old chorus girl and fashion model. She was blonde, blue-eyed and Catholic. He was infatuated. After a week, he proposed marriage. Her Irish parents weren't thrilled by the prospect of a Jewish son-in-law. But they must have taken solace from Goldwyn's agreement to raise their children as Catholics. And during the Depression, Goldwyn provided employment for his wife's father, sister and brother.

According to Sylvia Fine (Mrs. Danny Kaye), one of Easton's informants, Frances Howard McLaughlin was "the kind of wife" Goldwyn wanted. "She was blonde, she was Aryan." Fine suggests that Goldwyn loved her "in his own way." But, she adds, the "passion of his life" was motion pictures.

As he prospered, a phrase, "the Goldwyn touch," entered Hollywood's lexicon. It was synonymous with excellence. Easton acknowledges his contributions, but claims that the "Goldwyn touch" was "an inspired, immensely profitable hoax." Goldwyn, she explains, worked according to a time-honored formula. He hired "the best" talents he could buy and assigned them to a "serious" property. He then proceeded to water down the script to ensure its acceptability by the masses.

"In the 30s and 40s, America had an apparently bottomless appetite for kitsch, and certainly there was nothing reprehensible about filling that demand. But nobody ever matched Goldwyn's ability to serve up kitsch, call it culture, and sell it to standing room only."

In Easton's view, Goldwyn's strength lay in the financial end of the business. She argues that his ignorance of the technical end of filmmaking was abysmal. And she says that his best film, *Dodsworth*, was minimally influenced by Goldwyn.

Furthermore, Goldwyn had a mercurial relationship with his employees. Sam Marx, a story editor who talked with Easton, recalls: "Nobody was really happy there. Because Goldwyn might act like he was your dearest friend for a while, and then he'd somehow get the idea that he hated you! Or that you were robbing him!"

Farley Granger, one of Goldwyn's pets, tells Easton that he considered all actors chattel. "Once I was told to go to Harry Cohn's office, at Columbia. When I got there, Harry Cohn told me that he had won me in a gin game the night before, from Goldwyn... it was unbelievable!"

Goldwyn was famous for his malapropisms — "Include me out," "I read part of it all the way through," "I was on the brink of a great abscess." Easton says that they originated not in Goldwyn's mouth but in old vaudeville shows and joke books and at staff meetings where contests were held to see who could come up with the most inventive phrase.

The lines were picked up by nationally syndicated columnists and brought Goldwyn enormous press coverage. Goldwyn acquiesced, but when he reached middle age he had a change of heart about his image. He no longer wanted to appear as an ill-educated, uncouth figure. Henceforth, Goldwyn would be presented with taste and dignity.

Taking himself far more seriously than in the past, Goldwyn hired Ben Sonnenberg, a press agent who described himself as "a Byzantine with Talmudic overtones." Sonnenberg, whose clients included Standard Oil and Lever Brothers, transformed Goldwyn into an elder statesman of the movie industry.

The results were dramatic.

The Los Angeles branch of the United Jewish Appeal named him Humanitarian of the Year at a dinner in his honor. (Easton doesn't say what the quid pro quo was); the Israeli government officially commended him for "two decades of service to world Jewry through the United Jewish Welfare Fund;" Beverly Hills city council presented him with a medal "for his 40 years of industry and civic leadership;" Japan awarded him the Third Order of the Rising Sun Medal.

In the waning years of his long life, he spent two months every year in a German spa, issued pronouncements to the press and hosted dinner parties followed by screenings of new films. He made his last film in 1959, *Porgy and Bess*, which Easton calls "an unmitigated disaster."

In 1969, a stroke disabled him, and only his wife, children, barber, manicurist, nurse and servants were allowed to see him. An exception was made for President Richard Nixon, who in 1971 awarded him with the Medal of Freedom "for producing good, entertaining, exciting movies that were not dirty."

He died in his sleep, on Jan. 31, 1974. Since Goldwyn's death, his studio has been turned into a real estate operation — leasing sound stages, office space and sound and editing services to independent TV and film producers. Samuel Goldwyn must be turning in his grave.

Claims rabbi's God is "functionally dead"

Are Hartman's ideas really Orthodox?

Rabbi David Hartman's latest book denies basic tenets of Orthodoxy, writes former fellow Yeshiva University rabbinical student, psychologist-educator RABBI ABRAHAM COHEN.

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As someone who graduated from the same rabbinical school as David Hartman, some half a dozen years later, I recall him as a colorful and inspiring personality on campus. I am aware that Hartman served in the rabbinate in Montreal with distinction and his reputation as a man of thought is attested to by his several books.

One cannot deny Hartman the achievements that are his. However, a reading of his latest work *The Innovative Spirit in Traditional Judaism* reveals a thought-system and a man, at best left-wing Reform and moving towards functional atheism. His ideas are certainly not Orthodox.

Orthodox Judaism, the full heir of historical traditional Judaism, like all serious religions, has a system of practice and an underlying belief-system. A broad band of Orthodox thought can be seen by even the most casual student to be at one with biblical thought which posits the existence and active involvement of a just God. Historic Judaism throughout the ages has read the notions of an after-life, messianic era, and God's presence in man's affairs, as inextricable dimensions of this belief system. The notion of the after-life, aside from its existential implications regarding man's eventual fate, represents the only answer to the belief in God's providence and justice.

The entire Bible fails to solve this problem in this-worldly categories alone. And without such a solution the full structure of our religion is called into question.

In this light what does one make of Hartman's views as expressed in the following oft-repeated statement: "I shall argue that the vitality of the covenant does not presuppose belief in messianic redemption, the immortality of the soul or the resurrection of the dead . . . those eschatalogical beliefs are not constitutive of the Sinai Covenant" (pg. 259).

Says God ignores the individual man

In his book Hartman argues that we must recognize the governing laws of nature and give up our notion of God acting in this worldly arena. God does not respond to and act on behalf of individual man. As to the biblical view — one of its quintessential ideas, that God is active in the history of our people — Hartman would have us "de-mythologize" our biblical view of history. God, therefore, does not act or "intervene" in the life of individual man, or that of the nation and world, the two areas that define his activity and meaningful existence throughout the entire Bible. All of this is couched in Hartman's formulation suggesting that we need to give up our dominant view of the Exodus and rest our faith on the more "mature" superseding Sinaitic notion.

In the Exodus framework God moves to overturn nature. In the Sinaitic framework God is the Lawgiver who sets before us a way of life that we should maturely endorse without mind to the "simplistic notions of specific reward, and Godly intervention in our lives."

Ask a child or adolescent if a God who cannot and does not act, is God. Ask the average adult if such a deity could be the biblical God. Hartman leaves no ambiguities on these matters and for this reason — that the God he speaks of is functionally dead — is as a functional atheist. This atheism is compounded by Hartman's suggestion that we must abandon childish notions of reward and punishment, and operative Divine justice, in the world.

In Hartman's system there is evil which is irrevocable and broadly unredeemable. On this point if we could ask the victims of the Holocaust whether such a religion and God were worthy to be followed, what would their experience tell them? Was this the belief of the many religious Holocaust victims who went to fiery graves? Or is this not the view of those we mock in the Hallel, who worship gods who have eyes and do not see, ears and do not hear . . .?

Hartman's thinking is close to that of Reconstructionism founder Mordechai Kaplan; it is not Orthodoxy. There is no relation between what Hartman calls his "demythologized" god and God of the Bible.

At a recent address at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation in Toronto, Hartman stated that "if I am read out of the Orthodox community, I want to know who is making the decision" (CJN, April 6). His book demonstrates that it is David Hartman himself.

Opinion

Don't worry; JB will be back in next edition

Editor's note — This space, usually occupied by J.B. Salsberg, has NOT been usurped by columnist Carl Alpert.

The fact is that JB phoned the editor on deadline day to report that he was not feeling too well and that he found it impossible to produce the column on schedule — even if we allowed him an extra few hours.

J. B. Salsberg

So we agreed that he could skip this week's piece and JB promised faithfully that "I'll be better by next week" and will be back to work.

In the 9½ years I have been editor, it has been only on very rare occasions that JB missed out on a column — and on those occasions it was only because he was away in Florida and wasn't able to make the right phone or mail connections to reach us on time.

We're pretty sure, then, that JB will be back to discuss the state of the Jewish world in the June 8 issue. — M.L.

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A farewell to life

Maverick throws his own wake

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

The party was held many weeks ago, but it is still being talked about in many quarters in Israel. It was the farewell party on the death of one of Israel's best known colorful personalities — Dahn Ben-Amotz, maverick, bohemian, anti-establishment, humorist, talented, iconoclast, lexicographer, bon vivant. But what made this wake unusual was the fact that Dahn, in the final throes of cancer, was not only alive and present, but actually threw the party himself and invited the 300 guests. It was his farewell to life.

There was no maudlin pathos, no teary eulogies — just a group of friends gathering perhaps for the last time to laugh and sing and reminisce together. That's the way Ben-Amotz wanted it. The affair lasted for seven hours, well into the night and the morning thereafter.

Uri Avneri, editor of the non-conformist Ha-Olam Hazeh, described it as a catharsis of emotional reaction, of regret and of laughter, of spiritual elevation and of depression, of love (for the man) and hatred (for the disease), of fury against god (if there is one), of fatalism and yet also of great brotherhood.

Many reported that a highlight of the festivity was a detailed medical explanation by Dahn's physician, replete with slides of the X-rays.

Some were hurt that they had not been invited, but Dahn's formula was fair. In addition to the intimate circle of his close friends, he invited only those who had visited him during his long stay in the hospital after the operation which had revealed the worst.

Amos Keinan, a comparable figure, who had long feuded with Dahn (both write highly independent columns in the Hebrew press), deliberated whether to attend. "What do I say there?" he mused. "Wish him a long life and good health?" Yet he went and was not sorry. Dahn conducted the party with elegance and humor and good taste, he reported. "Whatever differences may have remained between us will eventually be settled . . . when the time comes, in hell."

There was one discordant voice in the press, that of eccentric sculptor Yigal Tumarkin, who had not been invited. Himself a noted nihilist, professional contradictor and disparager, Tumarkin published a sharp blast against what he called cheap sentimentality and necrophilia — but Dahn's friends gave it to him good in the days that followed.

Perhaps that's the way Dahn wanted it — to go out with a bang, and not with a whimper.

Long after Ben-Amotz's night life escapades have been forgotten, his 2-volume dictionary of slang in the Hebrew language, written with Netiva Ben Yehuda, will remain a milestone in the development of modern Hebrew. It is lexicography written with sly humor and irreverence.

The first volume, published in 1972, carried the usual blurb about the author on the flap of the jacket, but this biography was not usual. It was typical of the author, and read in full as follows:

Dahn Ben-Amotz: Born. Grew up. Educated, studied, passed, graduated. Arrived. Accepted. Participated. Presented. Received. Invited. Remained. Founded. Wrote. Earned. Served. Rose. Battled. Lectured. Initiated. Was among the founders. Volunteered. Protested. Left. Was appointed. Took a stand. Gave it good. Resigned. Was requested. Died after an illness.

Meanwhile, he lives on, and there are some who are willing to bet that despite all the dire medical evidence, Dahn Ben-Amotz may yet prove his doctors wrong.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 175 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our readers. We reserve the right to edit and revise letters for the sake of clarity and length. Every letter must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signature.

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VOICES OF SURVIVAL

In reference to your recent editorial regarding the Holocaust documentary production *Voices of Survival*, I would like to clarify one point. While TVOntario was rightly commended for its role in the project, there was no mention of Canadian Jewish Congress, which initiated and produced this documentary.

CJC undertook the project because we believed that the stories of Canadian Holocaust survivors should not be lost with the passage of time. We continue to be overwhelmed with the warm response the film has received since it was aired on TVOntario, by CBC affiliates across the country and at the CJC National Plenary Assembly in Montreal.

Jack Silverstone
National Executive Director
Canadian Jewish Congress
Montreal

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SUPPORT FOR POLLARDS

I commend your reporter David Lazarus for bringing to the attention of The Canadian Jewish News readers the plight of Anne and Jonathan Pollard (CJN Montreal edition, May 11).

I am hereby listing my name to the campaign initiated by Joseph Ben Smihen on behalf of the Pollards. It is indeed heartening to see a young Montrealer concerned about this gross injustice done to the Pollards, and expressing his concern by calling on all of us to act, too.

I take this opportunity to call upon ALL Canadian Jews to engage and support Ben Smihen's fight on behalf of the Pollards. We must increase public awareness and call for public demonstrations on their behalf. We must demand revision of the unjust, heavy sentence given to the brave Anne and Jonathan Pollard. They should be allowed to go free.

Baruch Cohen
Montreal

Editor's note: We don't normally give the address and phone number of those who write letters to the editor, however, we are including Mr. Cohen's number so that those who want to lend their support to this cause can contact him. The number: (514) 739-1316.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Regarding the article entitled "Hard Questions for Canadian Jews" of April 19, your article gives food for thought.

I agree that we will have to confront the PLO eventually, since there is no other party to deal with. But one of Milton Harris' assumptions seems to be wrong. For him, it is a foregone conclusion that the West Bank and Gaza, if Israel gives them up, will be a demilitarized Palestinian state.

There is nowhere mentioned from the PLO side that they would consent to this. Every state has the right to an army and this right the PLO will never give up.

When you consider that, one will have to come to the conclusion that there is nothing more dangerous than an armed Palestinian West Bank and Gaza in addition to all the other Arab states around Israel who are armed to the teeth.

Dr. Edith Berger
Toronto

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LOOKING FOR COUSINS

My husband and I will be visiting Toronto and Montreal sometime in the middle of July and would like to contact some distant cousins. They are descended from my grandfather's sister whose name was Sarah Franks (nee Diamond). I believe she died in Montreal around 1931. Two of her descendants are Richard Caplan and David Caplan (one is a lawyer and one a psychologist). Others, I am told, are Seymour Franks and Jerry Franks. (My grandfather was Nathan Diamond.)

I am wondering whether you would be prepared to put a little editorial in your Toronto and Montreal edition asking these people or their descendants to contact me at my home address.

I would appreciate hearing from you.

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NOT THE ANSWERS

I trust that your readers noticed that Mel Himes, in "Answers for 'hard questions,' " made no attempt to address my hard questions (CJN, May 11).

By associating dissent with the spectre of "Hitler" and "appeasement" Himes hopes to smother all public discussion of the security of Israel.

Adolf Hitler becomes Yasser Arafat, and a Palestinian state is transformed into Nazi Germany. We are asked to subsribe to a fantasy about the enormous power of a demilitarized Palestinian state in the territories; power that would be comparable to Nazi Germany.

Imagine! A demilitarized Palestinian state would be as menacing as the dominant industrial power in Europe whose armies conquered most of the continent.

Anyone who can believe that delusion has no further need to answer the "hard questions" I have asked.

Allowing Hitler to rearm and destroy several neighboring states becomes synonymous with withdrawal of an occupying power from lands inhabited by an indigenous population. Both are "appeasement."

In this lexicon appeasement is broadened to include all forms of agreement between adversaries. Any proposals by one of the parties to a conflict that offers a compromise solution becomes appeasement. The final corollary to this line of reasoning must be that peace can only be realized by total destruction of the enemy.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict stems from a strong claim by two different people to the same land. Peace will not come until each side is prepared to sacrifice a part of its historic entitlement. That's what I call a compromise solution. Mel Himes calls it appeasement.

The use of scare words does not absolve Prof. Himes of the responsibility to consider "hard questions." He might come to different answers than mine, but why does he try to escape from any discussion of the questions?

My answer to hard questions is a single hypothesis that merits further discussions: a future Palestinian state, arrived at through an offer of self-determination to the Palestinian people, would enhance, not diminish the security of Israel.

Milton Harris
Toronto

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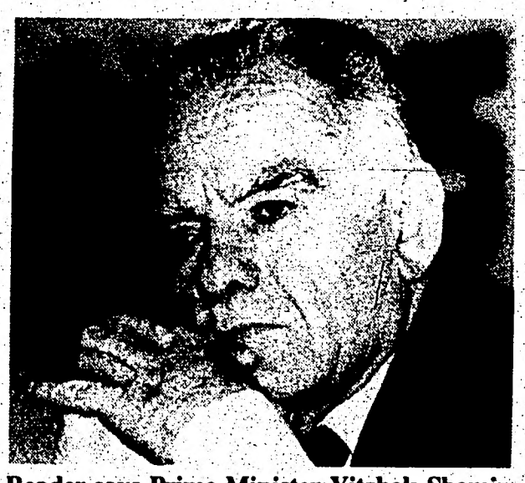

Reader says Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir "is on the right track."

SHAMIR ON RIGHT TRACK

For Canadian and American Jews — speaking from the comfort of our homes — it is deceptively simple to demand that Israel trade territories for peace. After all, it is not the safety of our borders or of our people that is being challenged.

Imposing a settlement from America — or from any place else, for that matter — is neither an appropriate nor a democratic way to proceed. The residents of Israel must determine their own destiny.

In that vein, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is to be congratulated for putting forth a reasonable, and democratic, solution to the complex problems presently embroiling his nation, made even more complex by the involvement of non-residents. Shamir has called for free elections in the territories so that the Palestinians residing there can elect their own representatives to negotiate an interim period of self-rule.

After such a period, during which peaceful relations would be maintained, a permanent solution would be negotiated and agreed upon. The Prime Minister has given his assurance that there would be no pre-conditions attached to such negotiations, thus assuring an open dialogue.

Shamir is on the right track, for in any democracy it should be the people who live on the land, those with the greatest stake in the outcome, who decide their own fate.

All Americans and Canadians, Jews and non-Jews alike, should support the Shamir peace plan, with the intention that we hold the Prime Minister and the Israeli government to their word. If, as Shamir has insisted, the intifada is halted before negotiations begin, the uprising can always (regrettably) begin anew if Israel does not "deliver."

If the ultimate goal of the Palestinians living in Israel is self-rule, it would certainly seem that Yitzhak Shamir's plan for Palestinian elections is a good place to start.

Franklin D. Kreutzer
International President
The United Synagogue of America
New York

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SHAME ON OUR BAD TASTE!

It would be presumptuous on my part to suggest to anyone where to eat or what to eat. But might I suggest that as an official organ of the Jewish community carrying a full-page ad on a lobster festival surely exhibits a total lack of sensitivity and is in bad taste. Shame!

Leo Loebenberg
Montreal

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ADD THESE NAMES

Thank you for your May 11 article by Stephen Gardner on the bi-regional Hadassah-WIZO conference in London, Ont. It was indeed a successful conference and we appreciate the coverage.

The article, however, regrettably omitted the names of Naomi Sheinbaum, vice-chairman Huron Region, who was instrumental in arranging the conference; Bev Lasky, vice-chairman Great Lakes Region, Nancy Helm, chairman Huron Region and myself, Pat Alpert, chairman Great Lakes Region.

I would greatly appreciate the correction of these omissions.

Pat Alpert
Toronto

Editor's note: Stories are often chopped because of shortage of space and we suspect this is what happened in this case. In any event, we're happy to run the names of these Hadassah-WIZO officials.

World-National

A LAWYER REPLIES...

By JOHN SYRTASH

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QUESTION: I am more observant than my ex-husband. Our children, age 9 and 11, were raised in a home which was strictly "Shomer Shabbas"; no driving cars, using electricity or telephones, mandatory synagogue attendance. Special meals and other Sabbath joys and restrictions are part of their normal behavior. We kept a strictly kosher home and never ate in non-kosher restaurants. Both children attend religious parochial day schools.

Renounced religion

Since our separation, my ex-husband has completely renounced religion and insists on exercising access on alternative weekends, including Shabbes. My children have never sat in a car on Shabbes. Can I curtail or modify his access to my children so as not to destroy their religious lifestyle?

ANSWER: Not without a court order.

QUESTION: Will the court assist me?

ANSWER: Possibly. Up until quite recently the answer would be unequivocably no. Traditionally the Canadian courts have taken a view that the custodial parent is solely in control of the child's religious upbringing but only to the extent that it does not seriously interfere with the child's relationship with the access parent. Accordingly a large number of cases have determined that where the access parent is confusing, disturbing or upsetting the children by discussing religious beliefs with them, or where the access parent is using religious beliefs to undermine the child's relationship with the custodial parent, the court will generally add a term to the access order prohibiting the access parent from discussing religion with the children or exposing them in anyway to his/her beliefs.

It has even been held that such a condition imposed by the court does not violate the guarantee of freedom of religion in the Charter of Rights.

However, in the case of **Elbaz** decided in 1980, Mr. Justice Pennell ruled that "where custody is granted in favor of a parent who observes the Orthodox Jewish religion, access to the other parent who proposes weekend activities inconsistent with such religion, may still be ordered. However, when exercising the right to access, the access parent should insure that the children, so far as is reasonably possible, observe the practices of the religion in which they are raised."

Children can cope

In the same case, the court quoted psychologist Dr. Arthur Leonoff to the effect that "children generally are able to cope well with parents having different values so long as the parents respect each other and the children do not, through loyalty conflicts, end up in the middle of something that becomes quite splitting for them."

A similar decision was reached in another case approximately one year later.

However, "the times they are a changing." That part of the Elbaz ruling which deals with the need for the access parent to follow the children's normal religious practices during access visits is gaining judicial support.

The Multicultural Act and Article 27 of our new Charter of Rights mandate that Canadian laws must not only preserve but also enhance the several religious and cultural traditions and customs of Canadians. Applied to family law our courts have become increasingly insistent that the child's religious life be better protected, nurtured and fostered by both parents, but only to the extent that certain religious practices do not undermine the relationship of a parent and the child.

Lately the access parent has become increasingly recognized as a joint custodian of the child's overall care, and not just a toy and pleasure giving plaything who jokes, clowns and entertains the kids on weekend jaunts to the Metro Zoo or the Forum.

Police probe anti-semitic attacks

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) —

San Francisco police increased surveillance at synagogues and other Jewish buildings recently after anti-semitic incidents in which a firebomb damaged an entrance to Congregation Beth Sholom and excrement was smeared on the Holocaust Memorial in Lincoln Park.

A police spokesman said investigators believe the incidents may have been the work of the same person or persons, since they occurred around the same time.

The firebombing caused about $300 in damage at the Beth Sholom Synagogue. Fire officials said the fire broke out at 12:37 a.m. when a plastic bottle filled with gasoline and ignited with a paper wick was thrown against a wooden side door.

Door blackened

The lower half of the door was blackened, and the cement beneath it charred. No one was in the synagogue at the time.

Officials of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in San Francisco said they have given police information on activities of local "skinheads," who they believe may have been involved.

The police spokesman, who asked not to be named, agreed with Jewish leaders that the anti-semitic incidents could have been spawned by television coverage of the Holocaust in programs such as the mini-series War and Remembrance.

Beth Sholom was among several Jewish locations where pipe bombs were planted in 1985 by a man who later was judged to be insane. The bombs were discovered before they could explode.

The Holocaust Memorial has suffered considerable vandalism over the years. The worst incident occurred in November 1984, less than a week after its dedication.

Faces of the five white bronze corpses cast by sculptor George Segal were covered with yellow paint. The face of a sixth, a figure staring bleakly through barbed wire, was sprayed black. The words "Is this necessary" were scrawled in yellow and black paint on a wall behind the sculpture. The barbed wire that is part of the memorial is regularly torn down.

Trade ties

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

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Alexander Paritsky sits and waits

Refusenik of 12 years currently jobless in Israel

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

Just a few years ago, Alexander Paritsky was a cardboard face that appeared at all Soviet Jewry rallies, says a Jerusalem Post Foreign Service report from Jerusalem.

He embodied the movement. A former Prisoner of Zion, he spent three years in a Siberian labor camp for trying to start a Jewish university in the Ukranian town of Kharkov.

Today the former hero — who waited 12 years to emigrate with his wife Polina and two teenage daughters — is an unemployed Israeli electronics engineer.

His situation is similar to many new immigrants, who are often the hardest hit by Israel's economic downturn.

At the Mevasseret Zion absorption centre — one of the country's plum absorption spots — about 50% of all married men are unemployed.

"When we were in Russia, we waited 12 years to start a new life, and now things are on hold here, too," Polina says.

Alexander finds it ironic that he was turned away from several jobs that have military application.

"I lost my job in 1976, when I applied to go to Israel," he says.

"Now they say here that I lack experience, even though last year I gave a talk on my specialty in the field of electronic engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)."

He says he's also been rejected because of suspicion that new Soviet immigrants seeking high-tech military-related jobs are spies.

"The reason I was refused permission to leave Russia all these years was my access to state secrets. Now, when I seek work, they say there are security reasons why I cannot be hired."

Polina has had better luck — she's learning computer graphics at ORT in Jerusalem. Some officials says that women often fare better than men in the job market because they're less selective.

"They are willing to be supermarket cashiers until they find something better," one official says.

Alexander says he still hopes to find work in Israel. But he doesn't rule out the possibility of leaving the country, saying softly, "If not here, then somewhere else."

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The United States government has asked Soviet officials for permission to increase its embassy staff in Moscow so that more visas can be issued to Jews and other emigrants, says Sara Frankel, a senior official in the Israeli foreign ministry unit that deals with Soviet Jews.

The foreign ministry hopes this will be the first step in enabling Soviet Jews, who want to go to the U.S., to get their visas in Moscow instead of Rome, where about 10,000 emigrants are currently waiting to get their applications processed, Frankel says in a JPFS report.

Those waiting in Ladispoli near Rome left the USSR on Israeli visas.

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A new Jewish cultural society in the Ukrainian city of Lvov has been organizing national art exhibits and has set up an amateur folklore company called Mazeltov, says a news release distributed by the USSR embassy in Ottawa.

The dance troupe has given several charity concerts, donating box office proceeds to the Armenian disaster fund as well as to a monument to be built for Jews who were annihilated during World War II.

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A Jewish newspaper is being heralded as the USSR's newest and most expensive bi-monthly publication, says a Novosti Press Agency report.

Mazeltov, Lvov's new Jewish dance troupe, performs a Jewish folk dance with kerchiefs. [Novosti Press Agency photo]

The first issue of the Jewish Soviet Culture Herald, with a circulation of 20,000, went out from the Izvestia newspaper print shop in Moscow in late April.

Individual copies of the 4-page tabloid sell for more than 14 times the price of a regular Pravda paper.

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Soviet authorities have agreed to permit Jewish schools to open beginning in September, Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau says in a JPFS report.

Soviets have also approved the opening of kosher restaurants in major Soviet cities and will permit separate burial areas for Jews, says Lau, who recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union.

Moscow mayor Valery Saikin has signed a decree to return a building adjoining the city's Choral Synagogue for use as the city's first Jewish educational and community centre, New York's Rabbi Arthur Schneier, who took part in negotiations, says in a report prepared by publicist Richard Cohen.

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Jewish groups are split over whether to favor a relaxation of U.S. trade sanctions against the Soviet Union contained in the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, says a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report.

Pressure to support a waiver of provisions in the 14-year-old amendment, which denies U.S. trade benefits to the USSR because of its restrictive emigration policies, comes in the wake of the largest exodus of Soviet Jews since 1979.

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The era of warmer relations between the Soviet Union and world Jewry was evident at a recent meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society, says a JTA report from Boston.

A high-ranking Soviet embassy official delivered the keynote speech, using the opportunity to praise the Jewish cultural revival under way in the Soviet Union.

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Evangelicals are accused of religious imperialism

NEW YORK (JTA) — American Jewish leaders have expressed deep concern about a statement issued by an international evangelical Christian group last month that places priority on the conversion of the Jewish people.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, called the evangelical statement "a desperate attempt to stop the clock of progress in interreligious relations."

And Rabbi A. James Rudin, director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee, said the statement was "the worst kind of Christian religious imperialism."

Both called on Christians to repudiate the statement, and they expressed gratification that many had already done so.

They were reacting to a policy declaration issued by 15 members of the World Evangelical Fellowship, who met in Bermuda from April 26 to 28. It called for "the evangelization of the Jewish people."

The statement, in particular, endorses the religious duality practiced by "Hebrew Christians," known more commonly as "Jews for Jesus."

It rebuffs those who characterize as "deceptive" the practice of converting Jews to Christianity while encouraging continued observance of Jewish customs.

Decision reserved in Ross case

By PAUL LUNGEN and news services

FREDERICTON, NB — The New Brunswick Court of Appeal reserved a decision last week in a case that could clear the way for a human rights inquiry into the Malcolm Ross case.

The appeals court will rule on whether a board of inquiry established by the province's labor minister on a recommendation by the Human Rights Commission has jurisdiction to hear a complaint about the continued employment of Ross.

The board's jurisdiction was successfully challenged in a lower court by the District 15 School Board, which employs the controversial teacher, the New Brunswick Teachers Federation which represents teachers in matters that effect their employment, and by Ross himself.

The complaint was raised by Moncton resident David Attis, who alleged the school board violated the province's human rights legislation by failing to provide a service or facility free of discrimination.

Ross, a special education teacher, has published books and letters denying established accounts of the Holocaust and claiming the existence of an international Jewish conspiracy to undermine Christianity.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Richard Miller blocked the Human Rights Commission inquiry, ruling the complaint was too vague.

Attis had argued that by continuing to employ Ross, the school board was contributing to a climate of discrimination, contrary to the provisions of the Human Rights Act.

Canadian Jewish Congress, which obtained status as a legal party to the court case, argued the board of inquiry has the jurisdiction to hear Attis' complaint, Congress lawyer Neil Finkelstein told The CJN.

He said arguments before the appeal court centred on four issues:

- Whether the public school is a service or facility available to the public. Congress submitted it was.
- The standard of judicial review. Congress argued the courts should not interfere with the board unless it was absolutely clear there is no case of discrimination.
- Whether the legislation permits someone like Attis, who is not directly affected by Ross' teaching, to bring the complaint.
- Whether the complaint was precise enough.

Lawyers for Congress, the labor department, the Commission, Attis, the Teachers Federation and the School Board addressed the court.

Gabrielle Bourgeois, lawyer for the labor department, said the inquiry should be allowed to proceed. "The only way we will find out (whether the board is fostering an atmosphere of discrimination) is to have someone hear" the facts, she said.

The school board, however, argued the complaint "constitutes an assertion of moral indignation and personal dissatisfaction" with the handling of the Ross affair.

Lawyer James Letcher said "the complaint does not suggest that Attis or his children have been adversely affected in any manner whatsoever contemplated by the human rights legislation."

Attis' lawyer, Joseph Weir, said the complaint may not be as precise as it could be, but Attis was complaining on behalf of himself and his children and not on behalf of Jews as a group.

There was enough evidence for the Commission to begin an investigation and for the labor minister to order an inquiry after the school board refused to resolve the complaint privately, he said.

Ross, who was not represented by legal counsel, told the court he was a traditional Christian and that the media, Jews and the Church were trying to stifle him, Finkelstein told The CJN.

He said the complaint was merely an attack on his religious convictions.

Reconciliation is needed: Jackson

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Rev. Jesse Jackson, invoking past alliances and biblical imagery, issued a strong appeal recently for reconciliation between Jews and African-Americans.

The Black leader and former presidential hopeful, who has offended many Jews through an ethnic slur and pro-Palestinian statements, urged 400 guests attending an American Jewish Committee awards dinner to help heal racial divisions in the United States and the world.

Reminding his audience of the common sacrifices by Blacks and Jews in the civil rights struggle, he proposed a joint effort to create an "American investment bank" to help poor communities and create new jobs.

"Tonight we are called to reason, to shift from racial and religious battlegrounds to economic common ground and higher ground," Jackson said.

"The cause is to move beyond racism, sexism, elitism, anti-semitism, anti-Arabism, anti-Hispanicism, to move beyond ancient fears and prejudices," he added.

Dr. Neil Sandberg, regional director of the American Jewish Committee, called Jackson's speech "the most positive statement, as far as I know, he has ever made about the importance of Jewish-Black rapprochement."

The choice of Jackson as a dinner speaker was made by Tom Johnson, publisher of the Los Angeles Times and chairman of the evening, Sandberg said.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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Crackdown on Hamas marks a change of policy

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israel Defence Force's crackdown on the Hamas movement, marked by the arrest in recent days of 270 of its activists, represents a sharp change of policy toward the Moslem fundamentalist organization.

It also seems to reflect disillusionment with the idea that Islamic religious zealots, allowed to operate freely, would become a counterweight against the Palestine Liberation Organization, which Israel perceives as its mortal foe.

But now, some circles say, the Israeli authorities have come to recognize that the Islamic fundamentalists can be much less flexible and more dangerous than PLO supporters.

Hamas has made no bones about its desire to destroy Israel by holy war and take over the entire territory of what was formerly Palestine.

Some observers, in fact, speculate that the Israeli authorities struck at the fundamentalists to clear the arena for the PLO, which at least talks about a negotiated settlement.

Hamas was founded in the Gaza Strip a few months after the Palestinian uprising began in December 1987, by leading members of the radical Moslem Brotherhood.

They met at the Gaza home of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, a 52-year-old quadriplegic confined to a wheelchair. Though without formal training as a cleric, he became head of Hamas and the uncontested leader of the Islamic movement in the territories.

Yassin, apparently considered too dangerous to remain at large, was arrested by the IDF at his home, in advance of the mass round-up of Hamas activists that occurred recently.

But for the last year and a half, the official attitude toward Hamas and its leadership has been more or less tolerant.

Senior figures in the defence establishment have stated privately that two considerations supported the policy of encouraging Hamas' influence among the Palestinians.

One was the notion that granting a firm public standing to the Islamic elements, even religious and political extremists, would offset the influence of violent groups, such as the Islamic Jihad.

But this policy began to change, according to unofficial sources, when it became clear that Hamas was adopting some of the worst methods of the Islamic Jihad.

In addition, the IDF believes Islamic elements in Israel proper were assisting Hamas in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to a senior security source quoted by Ha'aretz.

According to the paper, the IDF believes its crackdown on Hamas will deescalate the Palestinian uprising in the short term, because of its shock value.

Activists who were not arrested will need time to reorganize, the newspaper said.

Figures in the defence establishment said the neutralization of Hamas is also important because it is the only Palestinian organization whose leadership is located in the territories. The PLO is headquartered in far-off Tunis.

Meanwhile, Israelis are learning more about Sheikh Yassin and his views.

Five years ago he was arrested and sentenced to 12 years in prison for security-related offences. He was released in 1985, in a prisoner exchange deal with a Syrian-based terrorist organization.

Yassin was interviewed recently by Yediot Achronot. He surprised many by rejecting the idea of a Palestinian state alongside Israel, maintaining that they could not coexist for long.

Instead, he advocated what would amount to a binational state, an idea advanced nearly 70 years ago by a Zionist, Judah Magnes, the first president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

According to Yassin, "Palestine is a holy place to Jews, Christians and Moslems. The solution, therefore, is for all of these religions to live together in one state."

He added, however, "If individuals are unable to achieve their rights peacefully and through nonviolent means, what other option do they have?"

In other developments, Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip have been urged by Salah Khalaf, a top-ranking PLO official, to escalate the "armed struggle" against Israel, which the PLO ostensibly renounced last year in Algiers. Algiers.

The "armed struggle" also was extolled by Nayef Hawatmeh, leader of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a hard-line faction of the PLO.

Both referred to the gunfight recently near the West Bank village of Beit Ulla that left one Israeli soldier dead and several others severely wounded. Three Palestinians were also killed.

Khalaf, popularly known as Abu Iyad, is PLO leader Yasser Arafat's chief deputy.

Arafat claimed in Paris on May 2 that the PLO's 1964 charter calling for Israel's destruction through armed struggle was "null and void."

But Khalaf later contradicted that in a statement quoted by the Kuwaiti news agency. He said the PLO's decision to refrain from using firearms during the uprising does not apply to self-defence.

Khalaf made clear that there has been no renunciation of the "armed struggle." On the contrary, he said, "We declare that the armed struggle' will continue until the enemy will obey, and will abandon his haughtiness."

Israeli officials are confronting a worsening security situation in the territories, with new instances of firearms being used by Palestinians against Israeli soldiers and a Jewish population increasingly bent on reprisals against Arabs.

The IDF announced the seizure of a large weapons cache in the Gaza Strip. It included handguns, American-made M-16 rifles, Soviet-made Kalachnikov assault rifles, Israeli-made Uzi submachine guns and Karl Gustav rifles from Sweden.

The arms haul was described as impressive. But it only added to fears that far more deadly arms, many stolen from the IDF, are in the hands of extremists, such as the Moslem fundamentalist Hamas movement.

Israeli security forces came under fire last week in Bethlehem and near Moshav Nevatim in the Negev.

There were no casualties. But the incidents were ominous in the wake of the earlier gun battle near Beit Ulla village in the West Bank.

Builders adapting to intifada

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — **Israeli contractors and building companies rapidly adapted to the intifada-inspired absenteeism among Palestinian workers last year, according to the Bank of Israel's forthcoming annual report for 1988.**

After the first shock to the building industry in last year's first quarter, the report says, the construction sector rapidly recovered in the following months. This recovery stemmed partly from replacing Palestinian workers with Jewish ones and partly by a large increase in productivity.

IDF chief warning settlers against vigilante reprisals

By CJN NEWS SERVICES

JERUSALEM — **Chief of General Staff Dan Shomron warned last week that the wave of reprisals by Jewish settlers in the territories against neighboring Arab villages could easily invite attacks by Palestinians against Jewish settlements.**

The settler reprisals against the villages were a dangerous innovation, he warned the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee, especially as the intifada so far had only brought attacks by Arabs against individual Jews, their vehicles and their property. Jewish settlements as such had not been targets, he said.

Shomron called on committee members and their politician colleagues not to encourage settlers or other Jews to carry out reprisals against Arabs.

"Response to Arab violence rests with the army," he said, stressing that military response to Arab violence and terrorism in the territories must be strictly controlled according to the geographical location and the circumstances.

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Government asked to reject secretary's speech

Baker's statement concerns Knesset right wing

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Minister David Levy — who still says he opposes the plan and whose support may be critical for Shamir in the central committee — said that Baker's statements are "very seriously worrying" and should be met by a "fitting response" on the part of Israel. "We cannot conceivably ignore the statements, as they concern our security and future, and silence will be seen as approval," he reasoned.

National Religious Party Minister Avner Shaki — who also opposed the plan in the cabinet vote — intends to demand a re-vote in the government, charging that "several ministers voted with hesitation" before and may change their mind in the wake of Baker's statements.

The 30 Knesset members of the Eretz Yisrael Front convened an emergency session and called on the government to "reject out of hand" the "seriously worrying" statements by Baker.

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In Los Angeles, meanwhile, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations said Baker's words do not represent a new Washington viewpoint, but summarize previous themes of U.S. policy.

Thomas Pickering also denied that the Baker statement was intended to put pressure on Israel, an interpretation not fully accepted by Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-Jewish Agency executive, who participated with the UN envoy in a lecture at the Stephen Wise Temple.

Speaking at a news conference before the lecture, Dinitz said that if Baker's speech was meant to pressure Israel, "it would not be helpful at this stage of the game after the government's far-reaching and generous offer of elections in the territories."

In Brussels, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens believes he made headway here last week in his efforts to gain European support for Israel's peace initiative.

He told Israeli reporters he had an "open and very good" discussion with the 12 European Community foreign ministers at an informal dinner at EC headquarters in Brussels.

None of his colleagues asked "embarrassing or provocative questions" during the 2-hour get-together, Arens said.

He said he explained fully the Israeli plan for Palestinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, to be followed by negotiations for self-rule in the territories, adding that he "hoped his responses were satisfactory."

Although the European body did not comment officially on the talks, Israeli sources said later that the EC ministers were indeed satisfied with his presentation.

The Israeli foreign minister also contended that if the United States and Europe accept the Israeli peace initiative, "the Arabs would follow their path."

Nevertheless, he refused to discuss certain details that have been raised by European and American figures, such as voting rights for East Jerusalem Arabs, international supervision of the elections and Israel's concept of self-rule.

Arens justified his reticence on such points, saying, "We must start something for the peace process and not think what we are going to do in three or 10 years."

He was adamant, however, on one point: that the Palestine Liberation Organization must be excluded from the entire process.

The PLO is leading a campaign of terror against Palestinians they think collaborate with Israel, Arens said. "How do you expect to associate the PLO in a peace initiative?"

He made that remark in response to a question from Francisco Fernandez Ordonez, the foreign minister of Spain who currently holds the rotating chairmanship of the EC Council of Ministers.

Ordonez stated at a joint news conference with Arens that the European Community "has not changed its Mideast position," which is that the PLO must be included in a comprehensive settlement.

He also said, "There are positive elements in Israel's proposals, such as the fact that they are based on Security Council Resolution 242."

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Arens on his return to Israel from Europe claimed Baker's speech to AIPAC may have made "it more difficult" for Israel to win European support for its peace initiative.

He said Baker's speech could also encourage Arab extremism and rejectionism.

He said he had found a good deal of support for the Israeli plan among the EC ministers. "I hope it is not going to change in the wake of Baker's speech," the Israeli foreign minister said.

Arens charged that Baker's speech undercut the plan, because it referred to terms for a final settlement.

"It was contrary to the views of the Israeli government, and the secretary is fully aware of that," Arens said.

He also faulted Baker for violating an understanding that Israel and the United States would deal with their differences in private discussions.

"It does not strengthen the alliance between our two countries," Arens said, adding that Baker's remarks seemed to mean that the "political situation is more difficult" than had been thought.

Soviet Jewish federation being planned

NEW YORK (JTA) — Soviet and American delegates to an historic Jewish cultural conference in Riga recently report concrete gains that include establishment of a committee to coordinate a Jewish federation in the Soviet Union.

Some 200 representatives from 40 Jewish organizations throughout the Soviet Union gathered in the Latvian capital in a meeting of Jewish religious and cultural activists.

The Soviet Jews were joined by prominent Jews from other countries, including the United States, Canada and France.

Soviet Jewry's leading cultural activist, Michael Chlenov, was elected president of the newly formed coordinating committee, a first step to forming a federation of Jewish organizations in the Soviet Union.

The delegates, both Soviet and foreign, were warmly received by the secretary of the central committee of the Lithuanian Communist Party.

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The World Jewish Congress has made a definite commitment to hold its next executive meeting in Moscow, the first time the Jewish body has ever held an official conclave in the Soviet Union.

The meeting, which will probably be held in October, will draw officials of the international Jewish organization from four continents, including officials of Zionist organizations.

The decision, formally proposed at a recent executive meeting in Montreal, is the culmination of a long history of increasing diplomatic inroads in the Soviet Union.

The WJC paved the way for its upcoming Moscow conference in May 1987, when it held its executive board meeting in Budapest, the first time it had done so in a Communist country.

A WJC office will open in Budapest July 11, the group's first office in a Communist country.

BBC president urges involvement

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work towards revoking a recent United Nations resolution equating Zionism and racism.

He also said he plans to call on the International Red Cross to recognize Israel's Magen David Adom as it does the Red Crescent organization in Islamic countries.

Smith — the oldest of Ottawa restaurateur Jack Smith's 10 children — was married to Carol Bell in late 1987 in Jerusalem.

In 1986, he won the Label A. Katz International Award for his outstanding work in B'nai B'rith.

Currently, he chairs BB International's Young Leadership division and is a member of BBI's board of governors.

"It's imperative that we provide our membership with a true international identity," he said.

Smith said he will urge his "brothers and sisters" across Canada to become involved at every level of B'nai B'rith.

"This is a crucial time in history to be a visible Jew and B'nai B'rith Canada affords us the opportunity and vehicle by which we can share in the decision-making process of both Canada's government and the global policy-makers," he said.

"We are, after all, on every level, just 'People Helping People.'"

Jewish Klan leader tolerated for a time

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history buff, studying Hitler's era, as well as the Civil War.

Educated, and skilled as a printer, Gollub "has been tolerated mostly because he has a certain level of competence that is lacking in the average Klan leader," Lowe observed.

Besides that, "he's a good writer, too," said Lowe, recalling Gollub's contributions to a Klan newspaper in Louisiana.

Gollub gained experience as a Klan organizer with Bill Wilkinson, a former colleague of David Duke, the Klan leader recently elected to the Louisiana state legislature.

In 1975, Wilkinson formed a Klan to rival Duke's, calling it the Invisible Empire. Gollub was active in this group, before his membership in the Christian Knights, and also in the Confederation of Independent Orders and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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New election system is proposed for Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel may become the only country where a voter could legally cast three ballots in a national election.

That scenario could occur if the interim recommendations of an interparty committee on electoral reform are adopted.

Its chairman, Communications Minister Gad Ya'acobi of Labor, is optimistic. He said recently that there is "a very good chance" the next Knesset elections, nearly four years off, will be conducted under the new system proposed by his panel.

The committee, a joint undertaking of the Labor Party and Likud, was set up following the November Knesset elections to overhaul the electoral system.

Since the founding of the state 41 years ago, elections have been based on proportional representation, which has prevented any single party from gaining enough Knesset seats to govern without partners.

The committee has agreed on a hybrid system combining direct election of Knesset members with proportional representation.

It is asking for legislation that would divide the country into 20 constituencies, each of which would send three representatives to the Knesset. Two would be elected directly.

The others, making up half the 120-member Knesset, would be selected on the basis of their slot on party lists, which is how the present system works.

Each voter would vote three times — once for a party list and twice for two local candidates, regardless of party.

The threshold for entry into the Knesset would be raised from 1% to 4% of the total vote cast, thereby eliminating the splinter parties which proliferate. There are 15 in the present Knesset.

The plan has won enthusiastic endorsement from Tel Aviv University law professor Uriel Reichman, chairman of the public lobbying campaign for electoral reform.

His group would go a step further by instituting the direct election of the Prime Minister.

But Ya'acobi indicated in a recent interview that this would be too far-reaching a change, affecting the nature of Israel's cabinet-based government.

The committee's recommendations are coming up for debate in the Knesset's legal committee, where an electoral reform bill is to be drafted.

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Modai tells Witty fete:

Jewish education means honoring Israel, community

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
When you honor a person, you honor his profession: when you honor Jewish education, you honor not only a community but the State of Israel as well.

So said Yitzhak Modai, Israel minister of economics and planning, at a recent dinner honoring Board of Jewish Education executive director Rabbi Yitzchak Witty, given by Canadian Friends of Yeshivot Hesder at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue in Thornhill.

Yeshivot Hesder is the program by which religious young men combine military service with Torah studies.

Modai spoke of drawing courage during the War of Independence from the religious boys he commanded then. Now, he said, they serve with distinction in the tank divisions.

"I wonder sometimes, is it the helmet or the kippa that protects them," he said, adding "the combination of yeshivat hesder and the tank Mark III is the safeguard of Israel now and forever."

The danger Israel faces today, he said, comes not from the Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza, but from the buildup of arms by Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

Saying that an Arab state so close to the populated areas would be a constant danger to Israel, Modai said flatly, "there will never ever be another Palestinian state (besides the 21 other ones already in the Middle East) beside the Jordan River."

Do you believe, he demanded of the nearly 600 people present, that the Israel Defence Forces could not stop the intifada?

"The prolonged intifada is not due to the weakness of the IDF: it is due to the weakness of the leadership of the State."

The only way to stop the infifada, he said, is by force. "It is beyond my understanding to think that one can handle terror by political means."

Admitting he is in the minority in the cabinet, he said that he believes "if you yield to terror once, you will have to yield again and again."

He decried the practice in the media of showing pictures only of Israeli force. "I haven't seen any pictures of Ireland, which Great Britain treats very harshly indeed, or of the treatment of the Basques in Spain."

Rabbi Nachum Rabinowitz, former Rabbi of Clanton Park Synagogue and now head of hesder yeshiva Ma'aleh Adumim, said that "another 4 or 500,000 Jews would solve our political problems."

Since the 1917 Balfour Declaration, he said, there have been many chances for Jews to go to Israel; instead, he said, they went to France and Austria "to raise a generation for the ovens of Auschwitz" or to America.

Urging Jews to come to Israel to settle, he refuted the claim that Jews are displacing Arabs on the land.

"I look out of my window at Ma'aleh Adumim and they (Arabs) aren't there. But we aren't either."

Greetings were brought to Witty by Herb Rosenfeld, President of Toronto Jewish Congress; Rabbi Marvin Pachino on behalf of the Board of Jewish Education staff; Monte Kwinter, minister of industry, trade and technology for the Province of Ontario; Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner on behalf of the Vaad Harabonim and of Clanton Park Synagogue where the Witty family belongs; and Rabbi Noach Witty, Witty's son, on behalf of the family.

Flowers were presented to the honoree's wife Shulamit Bea Rosenfield, President of Emunah Women of Toronto.

Canadian Friends of Yeshivat Hesder presented a computerized Torah library to the Board of Jewish Education. Rabbi Avishai David made the presentation.

In introducing Witty, lawyer Don Carr, one of the people who originally hired him, spoke about the tremendous growth of the Board of Jewish Education during his tenure. He cited the establishment of the specialized Orah School for Soviet immigrants, Or Ha'emet Sephardic Day School and She'arim Day School for children with learning problems.

Echoing other speakers, Carr praised Witty for his impartial support for Jewish education in all sectors of the community, from Reform to Orthodox, from congregational to day schools. "The only label he insists on is quality."

In an often hilarious reply to the tributes, Witty likened the tact he has needed in his job to "handling porcupines without disturbing the quills."

Witty said that although there were frustrations over the years, there were also compensations; the merging of Torah learning and scholarship with community service; the chance to work on a cross-denominational basis; and stimulating among young parents the importance of Jewish education.

He warned against resting on one's laurels. "We must reach out to the thousands of Jewish children not within the Jewish educational framework, those in need of special education and the gifted, and those willing to settle for second best."

"Let us dream collectively," he said. "In time, we will be judged not by what we have said, but by what we have done, what we have built."

Master of ceremonies and dinner chairman was Jack Kahn. Hamotzi was said by Rabbi Gedaliah Felder, chairman of the Toronto Va'ad Ha'Ir, making a rare — and very warmly received — public appearance.

A highlight of the evening was a video about the history of the yeshivot hesder movement. One ofthe student/soldiers in the film neatly summed up its philosophy. "For my national obligation, I study Torah; for my religious obligation I serve in the army."

Agency cuts hit Youth Aliyah schools

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Youth Aliyah institutions will be able to take in only 1,500 1st-year pupils in the next school year, compared with 4,500 in 1988, due to cuts in the Jewish Agency budget.

Youth Aliyah department head David Hagoel told reporters that the total number of pupils sponsored by Youth Aliyah would drop from 14,500 this year to 12,300 in the coming school year, and that about 160 staffers would be fired. He added, however, that no Youth Aliyah schools would be closed.

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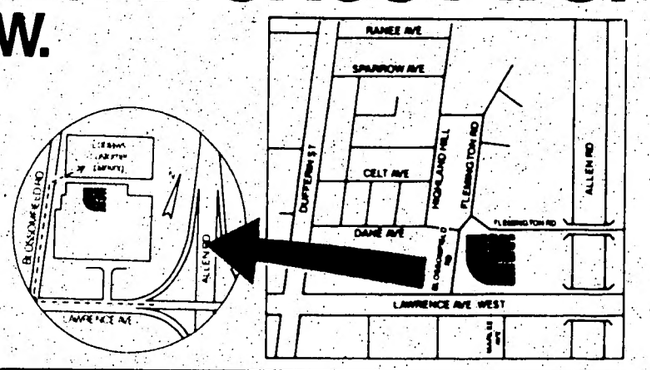

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Organizations and People

Says only changed circumstances will end conflict

TAU director calls for form of limited autonomy

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Only changed circumstances will bring an end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and it probably won't be in our lifetime, Yoram Dinstein said at the recent Winnipeg Hadassah-WIZO's 48th annual Men's Youth Aliyah Dinner at the Rosh Pina Synagogue.

The best alternative now, and the one most Israelis support, is to play for time, hold elections on the West Bank and Gaza and try to negotiate with the Palestinians who are elected, he told the only men's dinner of its kind in Canada.

The ultimate goal would be a form of limited autonomy which would pose no threat to Israel, Dinstein said.

A former dean of law and rector of Tel Aviv University, Dinstein is currently a professor of International Law and Human Rights at the university. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Toronto and New York University and has served in the Israeli foreign service as a diplomat in New York and at the United Nations.

In his address, Dinstein attempted to clarify Israeli thinking on relations with the Palestinians and what to do with the West Bank and Gaza.

"Twenty-two years ago, little did we imagine we would still be in the West Bank and Gaza," he said. "Most Israelis expected we would stay in Jerusalem and quickly negotiate with the Arabs to pull out of the other areas except for some minor border rectifications. But there was no one willing to negotiate with us.

"The Arabs, however, believed that what they lost by force, they could redeem by force. Egypt was the first to see the light. When he couldn't defeat Israel in 1973 under the best of circumstances, (then Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat realized negotiations were the only option. Since 1979, most other Arab leaders have come to the same realization."

"Now, however, a generation of Israelis has grown up who take the territories for granted, who assume they are ours. Are we willing to negotiate now?"

Dinstein looked at the alternative viewpoints now current in Israel concerning the future of the West Bank and Gaza. The extreme right, he observed, wants to annex them and transfer the Arab population somewhere else.

Aside from ethical and moral considerations, he said, population transfers of that scale in history have always accompanied war and most Israelis don't want another war.

If there is annexation without population transfer, the Arabs in the territories have to be given full democratic rights including a vote for Knesset representatives.

The left wing position is to negotiate with PLO leader Yasser Arafat and give the Palestinians their own state on the West Bank and Gaza. Most Israelis, however, don't trust Arafat and no Palestinian has yet renounced all further claims on the land of Israel. There is also the question of the economic viability of such a mini-state.

Most Israelis, including the major political parties, Dinstein said, recognize the need to negotiate with the Palestinians. He is not optimistic negotiations will get anywhere because the abyss between the two sides is too large.

"Continued uneasy coexistence or limited autonomy are our best options," he said, "until there is a complete change in circumstances. In the Western World, we are taught to believe that every problem has a solution. This is not necessarily so. Sometimes time and changed circumstances are the only solutions."

Funds raised from the dinner go toward the education and care of children in Hadassah-WIZO schools in Israel.

Yoram Dinstein (centre) with Men's Youth Aliyah Dinner officials (from left) Sheldon Pinx, Michael Bookbinder, Murray Simkin and Michael Pinx.

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Hogue said the company will use $385,000 to buy new equipment, improve production and remodel its plant. Glatt's will then be able to produce kosher baby food and kosher canned food. Ten jobs are expected to be created over the next few years.

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TORONTO —

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Paul Brownstein said the program — the result of a "unique" partnership between the JCC and Israel Bonds — was recently started.

Contributions will go to JCC's multi-million dollar capital campaign to help pay costs for expansion, renovation and updating of JCC facilities at its north, south and northeast locations, he said.

Contributors will receive a tax receipt for $10,000 (Cdn.).

"We're getting really good responses even though we're just getting it off the ground," Brownstein said.

The new program will have five beneficial effects, he said.

The purchase of Israel Bonds will help Israel, while their contribution to the capital campaign will help the JCC.

Seen (from left) are project chairman Brian Vyner, honorary chairman Alex Richman and Bernard Kamin, JCC's capital campaign general chairman.

People will also get lifetime memberships and tax receipts. The program is also expected to increase contributions to the capital campaign, he said.

"Following on the heels of an unprecedented success of the Centre's lifetime fundraising and membership campaign, this new joint venture adds a unique dimension to the Centre's Living Legacy or Yerusha program," said Bernard Kamin, president and capital campaign chairman.

"This latter program has already attracted some one hundred significant contributions from both men and women eager for a lifetime affiliation with the JCC."

Honorary chairman Alex Richman, a veteran JCC and Israel Bonds drive leader, emphasized that the new approach is "bound to redound to the benefit of both the Centre and the Israel Bonds Organization."

Chairman Brian Vyner stressed that "while the mission of the new thrust is the use of Israel Bonds as a special way for the donor to help the Centre to meet its capital obligations, of major importance is the 'eternal bond' between the JCC of Toronto and Israel which such a gift reflects."

Contributions can be made in one payment of $10,000 (U.S.) or by an initial $5,000 (U.S.) Bond to be followed by two subsequent annual payments of $2,500 (U.S.) in Bonds, he said.

Kamin said the JCC plans to hold all contributed Bonds until maturity. But he said that if prospective contributors hold matured Israel Bonds, they could be "brought back to life" through the program.

AIDS insensitivity hit

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The Jewish community is shirking its responsibility to gay Jews and Jews who have AIDS, a panel on AIDS in the Jewish Community agreed here recently.

Sponsored by the social action committee of National Council of Jewish Women (Toronto Section), the experts lashed out at the organized Jewish community for "ignoring" Jewish homosexuals and for ostracizing Jews with AIDS.

The panel, consisting of AIDS expert Dr. Anita Rachlis, Sandy Wise of Holy Blossom Temple's Subcommittee on AIDS and Michael Pearl a member of the Jewish gay group, Chutzpah, painted a bleak picture of the situation facing Jewish AIDS victims.

In front of just a handful of people at Council House, Pearl, who five years ago tested positive for the AIDS-carrying HIV virus, but who does not have AIDS, likened hatred of homosexuals to anti-semitism.

"Gay people face harassment and violence, just as Jews once did and in some places, still do. Gays are ridiculed and treated as outcasts. Gays are blamed for AIDS, just as the Jews were blamed for the plague," said Pearl, a 41-year-old librarian.

Chutzpah, a 6-year-old group which represents about 150 male and female Jewish homosexuals in Toronto, has to hold its Oneg Shabbat services in a church because no synagogue in Toronto is willing to offer space to its members, he said.

"Does that mean Jews do not want their Jewish mishpocha in their synagogues?" he asked.

Homosexual Jews want to take part in all aspects of Judaism, he said, including life-cycle events, and want to feel welcome with their partners, Pearl said, his voice cracking with emotion.

"Gays do not have equal social space in the Jewish community. By ignoring gays, we are shirking our responsibilities as Jews."

Wise, whose committee offers counselling and other services to AIDS victims, agreed the Jewish community has difficulty dealing with the issue.

"Many professionals in the community believe AIDS is not a problem. They've tried to avoid the issue, and as a result, there's almost no support or education," she said.

Wise has discovered through talking with groups that work with AIDS victims, a reluctance on the part of Jewish families to even admit that one of their members died of the disease.

"The AIDS epidemic tests the principle that each Jew is responsible for the other, and of bikur cholim — active caring (for the sick).

"We as Jews must nurture the self-worth and dignity of a person with AIDS. Contracting AIDS is not a judgment of character. It's a disease."

Wise called on Jewish social service and health agencies to develop more meaningful education and support programs for AIDS victims.

Rachlis, an AIDS specialist at Sunnybrook Hospital, said the disease can incubate in the body for 10 years. Those developing the disease now likely contracted it in the early 1980s, she said.

There are roughly 2,500 cases of AIDS in Canada, but a much larger number are carrying the HIV virus. Ninety percent of victims are gay men, she said.

Schools in the United States have all developed policies on students with AIDS, and Rachlis called on Jewish day schools in Toronto to do the same.

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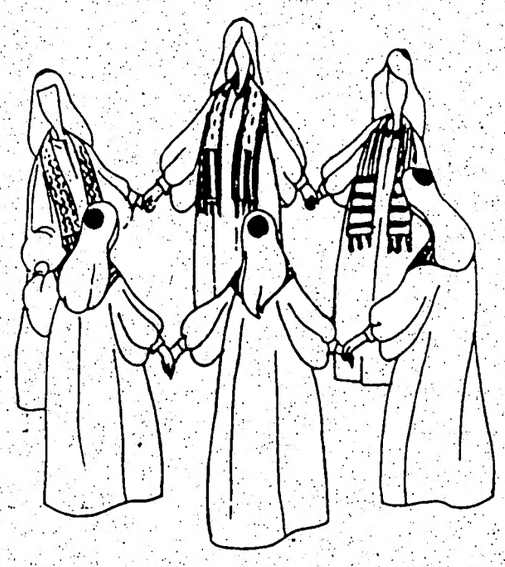

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By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Bamidbar / Pirkei Avot

(Before I begin lighting Sparks, as a parent, I would like to urge my readers whose children ride bicycles to insist that they wear safety helmets. It is a great mitzvah to wear them, because they can prevent a terrible tragedy, r.l.!)

Rabbi Gottesman

It is easy to judge others. It takes a *mentch* to judge someone favorably.

The author of the classic work, *Tishbi*, wrote humorously in the introduction to his sefer: "I would ask that those who study from my book after my death should not criticize me behind my back. Either they should join me on the other side of the veil, or, if they prefer, wait a little while until the Messiah comes in which case I will come to them!" (Fun Unzer Alten Oitzer)

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Who is to judge? Who is so holy to judge? Who is so perfect?

Those who are truly saintly never judge, they just forgive, try to understand.

Teaches the Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers): "Do not judge your friend until you reach his place!" (Pirkei 2:5)

Explains the Ohel Yaakov: Don't make a decision about someone unless you see him or her in his home turf. In a strange place, it is easy for a person to masquerade himself, pose that he is what he is not. Check him out on his own ground!

Every time we go into the street, into the shul, into the office, we are in a strange place, a place of masks. We hide what is in our hearts, our minds: our anger, our love, our lust. But when we with ourselves, with our families, then who we really are comes out.

And who is perfect? And who wants to be judged? And who dares to judge others.

We must love every single Jew like ourselves. All the titles and all the differences are unimportant.

* * *

We must work on ourselves, instead.

Warns the Pikei Avot: "Do not believe in yourself until the day you die!"

We do have an enemy who lurks right in our midst. It is not a brother-in law or next door neighbor, but deep within our own heart. The *yetzer horah*, evil inclination, whose sole profession is seducing us to sin and to hate and to drift away from Torah.

Writes the Chovat Halevavot: The Yetzer horah is an implacable enemy. When any other enemy is defeated once, twice, three times, it hangs its tail between its legs and slinks away.

But not the yetzer horah. However much we defeat him, refuse him, turn away from him, he is back, back tempting, back seducing, back convincing, back whispering little "nothings" — nothing matters, nothing is known, nothing counts.

The yetzer horah is wrong. Everything counts. Every move we make is measured. Every thought, every feeling, every word, every act. We are all playing in the major leagues, every one of us. The skydome we play in is not made of steel or concrete but the real sky — Heaven and Eternity. This is our game. This is our Olam Hazeh. This life is our inning. This is our time at bat. This is where we homer or strike out.

Mitzvahs, mitzvahs, mitzvahs — that's why we are here. That is our job. To serve God. To help others. To make a Kiddush Hashem.

Shabbat Shalom.

JF&CS meeting told:

Social problems can be overcome

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

The Jewish community has the talent and resources to overcome all its problems in order to survive and prosper, says the executive director of the Association of Jewish Family and Children Agencies, the parent body of the Jewish family and child movement in North America.

"Despite a number of serious problems I am surprisingly hopeful about the future," says Bert Goldberg.

Goldberg was the keynote speaker at the annual general meeting of the Jewish Family and Child Service held recently at the Lipa Green Building.

He said that the "Jewish community has always suffered from the same problems, such as alcoholism, child abuse, drugs and elder abuse, as our neighbors but we've just been more successful in hiding them."

He added that there is an increasing proportion of never married Jews in Canada and the United States as well as an increase in mixed marriages.

Goldberg said it is "a very exciting time for Jewish family and child services in North America. We have multi-service centres operated with a Jewish flair."

He said the agencies offer such services are respite care, sex therapy, friendly visiting, prison visiting and detoxication.

He noted however, there are still many areas the agencies should explore. "The infertility rate in the Jewish community is higher than in other ethnic groups. We think it is because Jews tend to postpone childbearing and thus have a harder time conceiving. We would like to help these people."

As well, Goldberg said he would like to see an increase in respite care for people taking care of the disabled and elderly, programs for intermarried couples and services for the elderly so they can stay in their own homes.

He added that it is important for agencies to develop services for AIDS victims. "Jews are not immune to AIDS and we must reach out and help victims and their families."

He said that agencies also have problems. "We have to discover how to continue serving increasing needs in a time of decreasing funds.

Goldberg noted that the volunteer core is shrinking. "We have to continuously recruit caring volunteers."

Despite these problems however, Goldberg stressed that he is optimistic. He told the meeting that "I commend you for what you're doing. You speak for people who have no voice such as children, elderly and the handicapped. I congratulate you for that."

At the annual meeting of the Jewish Family & Child Service are (from left) Lorne Waldman, the incoming president of JF & CS; Bert Goldberg, the executive director of the association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies; and Marshall Kesten, the outgoing president of JF & CS.

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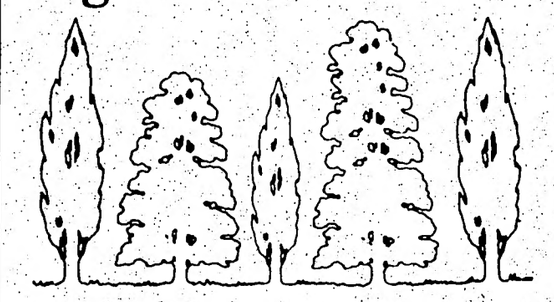

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Aim is to sensitize them about Stratford play

CJC to hold workshops on Merchant of Venice

STRATFORD, Ont. — Officials of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, and the Stratford Festival met here recently and agreed that Congress will hold workshops for students and one for teachers to prepare them for the anti-semitism in The Merchant of Venice.

Pat Quigley, education liaison for the Stratford Festival, and Bernie Farber of Ontario Region's Joint Community Relations Committee agreed that 10 workshops for students will be held next fall immediately before each school matinee performance of Shakespeare's play.

And as part of Stratford's Teacher-Festival Liaison Council's Conference, Farber will also lead a workshop on Oct. 6 for teachers. Entitled Confronting Cultural Bias in the Classics, the forum will offer a strategy for working with the text so that students learn racial harmony from the play, and not bigotry.

The workshop will be followed by a panel that will include members of the artistic staff, acting company and Robert Cushman, former theater critic for The London Observer.

The point of the workshops will be to sensitize students to the play, so they come away from it with a better understanding of its anti-semitic component, Farber says.

One way to do that, he adds, is to ask students who have viewed the play how they would feel if identified by race or religion, or labeled with negative characteristics, as is the play's central character, Shylock, the villainous Jewish moneylender.

As far as Farber is concerned, the whole point of the exercise is that Jewish students have been hurt by the play's teaching in the past.

"Our primary concern is not whether Shakespeare was anti-semitic, or how the character of Shylock is written. Our number one concern is that Jewish children have been caused severe pain," he says.

The Merchant of Venice opened May 31, but the bulk of school schedulings won't be until the new school year, Quigley said.

Congress has long expressed its concern over the play's showing to school children. In 1984, Jewish students from Toronto's Yeshiva Bnei Akiva Or Chaim attended a performance, following which some of them were pelted with pennies, gum and other projectiles.

Bernie Farber

Congress also has records dating back many years in which Jewish students tell of being subjected to anti-semitic slurs and taunts following the play's teaching in Ontario high schools.

In 1986, The Merchant of Venice was suspended from educational curricula in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, pending guidelines on its teaching from the province's education ministry and the Ontario Human Rights Commission. Both bodies have yet to respond to how the play should be taught.

Congress's position has always been that the play should be taught "age appropriately" — not to students in grades 8 or 9, as has been the practice, but to students in higher grades, who are likely better equipped emotionally and intellectually to handle the work's racial element.

Congress has also prepared an information package for teachers, with suggestions on how to explain the anti-semitism in the play constructively and turn it into a positive instrument for race relations.

In Stratford, Farber also met with Elliott Hayes, literary advisor to the Festival.

Hayes says the Festival's version of The Merchant will delete a few controversial lines — but not in response to any pressure from CJC.

Pat Quigley

The lines, in fact, were dropped months ago by director Michael Langham well before the production came to Stratford. The revised version was first shown in Washington.

One scene that is cut involves Jessica and Lancelot the Clown, who haggle over the price of pork. It was dropped, says Hayes, "for artistic reasons" — mainly because it's widely believed Shakespeare did not write the scene.

The closing sequence, in which Shylock converts to Christianity, is also out because it no longer fits in with modern concepts of mercy, Hayes adds. In Shakespeare's day, allowing someone to convert to Christianity instead of going to jail or worse was seen as a merciful act, whereas today, "it's pretty horrific."

Hayes says making slight alterations to plays is commonplace in theatre, so that older works will be more relevant to modern audiences.

Survivor seeks contacts here

TORONTO —

Sara Levinson (nee Goldscheider) is a Holocaust survivor from South Africa who will only be in Canada for a few weeks and would like to hear from any lost relatives or friends who may be living in this country.

She told The CJN that she was born in Szydlowiec, Poland, where she lived until World War II. Her father was Jacob Josef Goldscheider who was born in Ilza, Poland, and lived there until his marriage.

His parents were Zacharia and Hinda Goldscheider. Zacharia had a sister Jochevet who also lived in Ilza and her married name was Zaltzman.

Zacharia also had a brother in Warsaw and one of the latter's three sons, Josef, apparently survived.

Sara Levinson's mother was Frimet Goldscheider (nee Eisenberg) who was born and lived in Szydlowiec. Her parents were Nosen David and Rochele Eisenberg.

Levinson is currently visiting her daughter and her family in Thornhill. She can be reached at (416) 764-5936.

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JEREMIAH SLAWIN ז"ל
beloved husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather
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Lambton Mills Cemetery
(Royal York Road, south of Eglinton)
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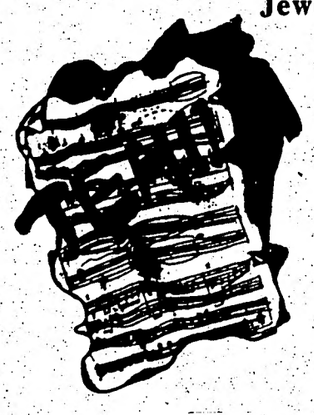

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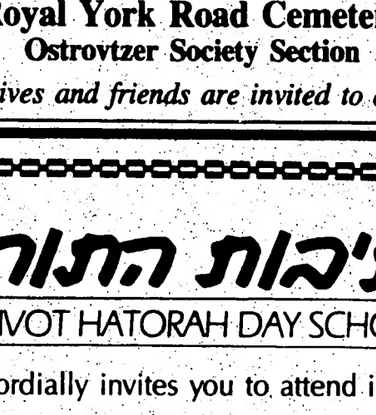

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Please note that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication (i.e. Thursday, June 1, is the deadline for the June 15 issue, and Thursday, June 8, is deadline for the June 22 issue). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Do try to send your material well in advance. If it doesn't reach me on time, it cannot be included in the proper issue, and will sit on my desk until I come in the following week.

Thursday, June 1

YOM YERUSHALAYIM CELEBRATION

Bnei Akiva in conjunction with Mizrachi of Toronto will be holding the annual Yom Yerushalayim celebration on Thursday, June 1, at 7.30 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, Neptune branch, 3630 Bathurst St. The community is invited to join in the celebration of the 22nd year of the reunification of Jerusalem.

DIABETES-WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Toronto Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation is presenting a public lecture on the most recent developments in diabetes research on Thursday, June 1, at 7.30 p.m. at the OISE auditorium, 252 Bloor St. W.

Three renowned researchers, **Dr. Christopher Canny, Dr. Barry Posner** and **Prof. Michael Sefton** will discuss their current diabetes research projects. **Dr. Aubie Angel** is the moderator.

There is no charge for admission and refreshments. As well, major pharmaceutical companies will be on hand to display their products.

For information, call 224-2633.

Friday, June 2

HAR TIKVAH CONGREGATION

Har Tikvah Congregation of Brampton invites you to join in the Shabbat evening service, Friday, June 2, at 8 p.m. when **Avri Fisher**, executive director, Mapam World Alliance, will discuss the role of the Institute for Arab-Jewish Relations at Givat Haviva, Israel, in fostering cross-cultural understanding in the Middle East.

For further information, call 792-7589.

MUSIC AT LINCOLN PLACE

Enjoy a happy musical hour when concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** plays a selection of semi-classical, Jewish and Hebrew music on Friday, June 2, from 2-3 p.m. at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd.

Saturday, June 3

NARAYEVER CONGREGATION

The Narayever Congregation, 187 Brunswick Ave. (north of Harbord) invites the downtown Jewish community to Shabbat morning services, Saturday, June 3, from 9.30 a.m. to noon.

The congregation will bless the coming new month of Sivan and begin the Torah reading of the Book of B'Midbar.

Narayever services are traditional, egalitarian and joyful. Everyone is welcome.

For information, call **Justin Lewis** at 533-1443.

KEHILLAT AHAVAT CHESED

The community is welcome to join Kehillat Ahavat Chesed for Shabbat services, Shabbat Mevorchim, Saturday, June 3, for an enlightening Dvar Torah and discussion with **Rabbi Sam Weintraub**.

Kehillat Ahavat Chesed is an egalitarian, participatory and traditional community where men, women and children are invited to participate.

Services begin at 9.30 a.m. and are held at 788 Marlee Ave., 3rd floor. For information, call the rabbi at 925-2737.

Sunday, June 4

JEWISH FOLKLORE

Prof. Dov Noy, professor of folklore and literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will be the guest speaker of the Yiddish Culture Council on Sunday, June 4, at 8.30 p.m. at Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. His topic will be Social Protest and Humor as Reflected in Jewish Folklore.

DEDICATION OF TORAH

The Beth Joseph Lubavitch Anshei New York Congregation announces a HaChnosos Sefer Torah (dedication of a Sefer Torah), donated by **Avraham and Miriam Klein** in memory of their parents and family martyred in the Holocaust.

The procession will start at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, from the home of the vice-president, **Anshul Weiss**, and his wife and family, 35 Lyonsgate Dr., and will end at the shul, 44 Edinburgh Dr. (at Bathurst).

The community is invited to a Kiddish following the ceremony.

SPEEDWALKING & HIKING GROUP

Adath Israel Singles Congregation is forming a speedwalking and hiking group.

The first meeting takes place Sunday, June 4, at 10 a.m. Meet in front of the North Y on the veranda, 4588 Bathurst St. In case of rain, call the synagogue office at 635-5340.

ABC OF PSYCHIATRY

Congregation Habonim's Breakfast Club invites you to the closing breakfast meeting of the season on Sunday, June 4, at 10 a.m. at the synagogue, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn).

The guest speaker, **Dr. Henry Fenigstein**, a Holocaust survivor and camp director at Camp Hessental, will be speaking about the ABC of Psychiatry.

The charge is $5 for lecture and breakfast.

RUMMAGE SALE

Adath Sholom Sisterhood's giant rummage sale is set for Sunday, June 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

For information, call the synagogue office at 635-0131 days, or **Beryl** at 881-7902 or **Bunny** at 633-9691 evenings.

BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

The Sunday, June 4, breakfast meeting of the Beth Tzedec Men's Club will feature the installation of officers by **Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg**.

Breakfast is at 9.30 a.m., the program at 10.

RIKUDIYAH-ZIMRIYAH

Sunday, June 4, is the date of Shaar Shalom adult education committee's final siyyum. It will be a Rikudiyah-Zimriyah — folk dancing and sing song led by **Sandy Starkman** and **Maya Burkes**, plus refreshments.

Come out and enjoy! The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill.

Monday, June 5

MONDAY MAGIC

Cayle Chernin, actress and video producer, will be presenting her tape, Canadian Perspectives on the Middle East, and discussing her recent trip to Israel and Germany at the Monday, June 5, meeting of Monday MAGIC, which takes place from 9.30-11.30 a.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Monday MAGIC is a women's group that meets Monday mornings at Beth Tzedec. Babysitting is available from newborns up.

Tuesday, June 6

GRAND AUCTION

A grand auction, sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, is being held Tuesday, June 6, at 7.30 p.m. at the Chimo Hotel, 7095 Woodbine Ave. (just north of Steeles).

Up for bids will be such goodies as patio furniture, dinnerware, home appliances, professional services and more. All merchandise is new.

For information, call 886-0420.

PARENTS OF ASTHMATIC KIDS

Parents of Asthmatic Children of Southern Ontario is holding a general meeting on Tuesday, June 6, at 8 p.m. at the Hugh MacMillan Medical Centre, 350 Rumsey Rd., Room 1-106. The topic — Parents' Forum: Sharing Concerns About Asthma. **Deena Mandell**, social worker, is the convenor.

New members are welcome. For further information, contact **Elaine Rose** at 881-8416 or **Joan Naert** at 292-6335.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group session on Thursday, June 6, will focus on the Book of Judges, Chapter XXI, with **Rabbi Jakobovitz**.

The group meets at 8.15 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

Wednesday, June 7

JUDAIC NEEDLEWORK

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework annual Show and Share meeting takes place Wednesday, June 7, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Members will show and discuss their needlework projects. The public is invited. For more information, call **Sue Krivel** at 630-1904.

WOMEN AS HEROES

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation adult education committee's 4-part series, The Apocrypha: An Introduction with **Judith Siegel**, professor of

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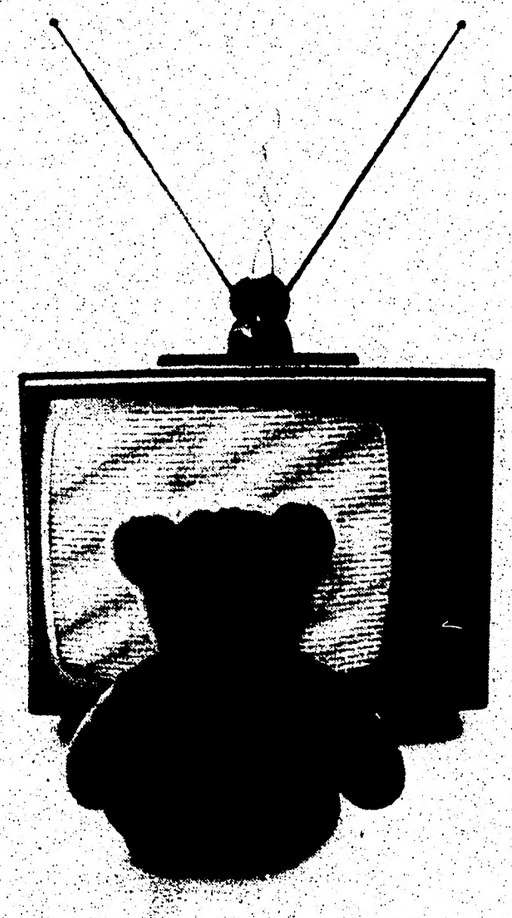
WEIZMANN INAUGURAL

Seen at the inaugural meeting of the Weizmann Women for Science recently held at the home of Murray and Marvelle Koffler are (from left) Marian Craig, Murray Koffler, Marvelle Koffler and Carol Gordon. Under the leadership of Marian Craig and Carol Gordon, the group will seek to increase awareness and support for the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot. Steering committees are being formed to plan an exciting series of programs. Should you wish to become involved, call Gloria Temkin at 733-9220.



TELETHON

See how 24 hours of television can be great for sick kids by tuning in the 5th annual Hospital for Sick Children Foundation Miracle Network Telethon airing on CFTO-TV June 3 and 4. Last year the Telethon raised a record-breaking $1.8 million and the goal this year is expected to exceed that amount. Funds raised will go towards the hospital's outpatient clinics and to the trauma unit. Above is a picture of the Telethon logo.

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classics, York University, concludes on Wednesday, June 7, with Women as Heroes: Judith and Suzanna.

The class begins at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

BASICS SEMINAR SERIES

Aish HaTorah continues the Basics seminars, a series of individual lectures exploring the wit and wisdom of Judaism, on Wednesday, June 7, with The Chosen People, Chosen for What?

The time is 8 p.m. at Aish HaTorah, 296A Wilson Ave. For information, call 636-7530.

Thursday, June 8

LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP

The Ontario Lupus Association Coping/Support group meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30 p.m. at the Association office, 250 Bloor St. E., Suite 401. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8.

For information, call 967-1414.

TO LECTURE IN TORONTO

Rabbi Chayim Soloveichik, a Fellow of the Caroline and Joseph S. Gruss Kollel Elyon — the institute for advanced shiurim — lectures this spring on The Rationale for War and The Moral Effects of War.

Rabbi Soloveichik

Rabbi Soloveichik is among a select group of 15 Fellows at the Kollel, which is part of the University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), delivering some 50 lectures this spring.

He will be speaking at Toronto's Congregation B'nai Torah on Thursday, June 8, at 11.45 p.m. After Shavuoth, he goes to Skokie, Ill., Chicago, and the Bronx.

Rabbi Soloveichik, 25, received ordination in 1986 from his father, the distinguished **Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik**, dean of Yeshiva of Brisk in Chicago and rosh yeshiva at RIETS. He is engaged to **Pircha Abramoff** of Toronto.

And What Else Is New...

JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS

Jewish Medical Ethics is the topic of an educational weekend featuring **Dr. Fred Rosner** from Friday, June 2, to Sunday, June 4, at B'nai Torah Synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave.

Dr. Rosner, director of the department of medicine, Queens Hospital Centre, Long Island, and professor of medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University, will lecture and lead discussions throughout the weekend on a broad variety of issues relating to the topic. He will also be addressing students at McMaster University Medical Centre on Hematology on Friday afternoon, June 2.

The weekend will climax with Dr. Rosner's principal lecture on Sunday, June 4, at 8 p.m. at B'nai Torah entitled New Reproductive Technologies, Surrogate Parenthood. On Sunday morning at 9, he will speak at Adath Israel Synagogue in Hamilton.

This educational weekend is being organized by the Orthodox Union and sponsored in memory of **Leslie Cherniak**.

WITNESS TO AN ERA

Under the patronage of the Consul-General of Israel, **Benjamin Abileah** and **Ruth Abileah**, the Koffler Gallery, the Leah Posluns Theatre and the Toronto Jewish Congress are presenting Witness To An Era, a 40-year history of Israel by Time/Life photo-journalist **David Rubinger**.

The Toronto exhibit, sponsored by the Arthur Minden Family Foundation, is on view in the main lobby of the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St, through June 11.

The photographer will be lecturing on the exhibit on Thursday, June 1, at 8 p.m. at the Koffler Gallery. Admission is free, but space is limited. RSVP by calling 636-2145.

NCSY CELEBRATION

The National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) is celebrating Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem's unification's 22nd anniversary, with a luxurious cruise on the Jubilee Queen. The cruise takes place on Sunday, June 4, and leaves from the rear of 207 Queen's Quay W. at the southwest wall at 5.45 p.m. sharp.

The cruise includes dinner, music and an exciting program. Tickets are $20 and may be purchased only in advance at the NCSY office, 3524 Bathurst St.

For further information, call 782-4426.

SUMMER JOBS AVAILABLE

The North York parks and recreation department is hiring energetic and enthusiastic youth, seniors and adults to work in community programs, children's playgrounds, music and dance for the summer.

You will have an opportunity to work outside, meet new people, and improve your leadership skills.

Applications and Hiring Now brochures are available at the North York parks and recreation department, 5100 Yonge St., 3rd floor, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 224-6311.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

The Koffler Gallery is presenting two panel discussions on sculpture.

Panel A, What Constitutes Sculpture?, is set for Wednesday, June 7, at 8 p.m. with panelists **John Bentley Mays**, reviewer; **Philip Monk**, curator, Contemporary Canadian Art, Art Gallery of Ontario; **Aleksandr Sorotschynski**, artist, and **Tim Whiten**, associate professor, visual arts, York University. The moderator is **Aaron Milrad**, author of Art and the Law.

Panel B, What Issues Are Canadian Sculptors Addressing Today, takes place Wednesday, June 14, at 8 p.m. Panelists are **Ian Carr Harris**, artist; **Ihor Holubizky**, curator; **Ingrid Jenkner**, curator, Macdonald Stewart Art Centre, and **Badanna Zack**, artist. **Aaron Milrad is moderator of this panel also.**

Tickets for members and patrons of the Koffler Gallery are $4 for one lecture, $7 for the series. Tickets for non-members are $5 for one lecture, $9 for the series.

Tickets may be purchased in person at the gallery Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or may be reserved by calling Sandy or **John** at 636-2145. The gallery is located at 4588 Bathurst St.

Genesis of An Image, a retrospective exhibition of major Canadian abstract artist **Harold Feist** runs June 6-July 26. At the same time, there will be an exhibit of paintings by **Michael Gerry** in the Loggia Gallery.

BOOK REVIEW

Club Dayan, Na'amat, invites you to the first annual Sharon Cole Memorial evening to be held Monday, June 13, at 8 p.m. at Temple Sinai, Fanny Green Hall, 210 Wilson Ave.

Guest speaker **Cathy Tile** will review the book Shoeless Joe by **W. P. Kinsella** as well as the movie Field of Dreams which is based on this book.

Coffee will be served.

TAG FOR LEUKEMIA RESEARCH

The Leukemia Research Fund needs volunteers June 9 and 10 for its annual tag days. Please give a few hours of your time to help find a cure. Call 638-8522.

THE JEWISH JOURNAL

A new program geared to the interests of the Jewish community of Toronto made its debut recently on Newton Cable 10.

The Jewish Journal is a weekly show that focuses on the cultural, social, religious and political aspects of events , both local and abroad, that are of special interest and concern to the Toronto Jewish community.

Included in the 1-hour format is a weekly news review of Israel as well as local news and happenings. Students from various local day schools will educate as well as entertain as they display their knowledge of Judaica while competing with one another on a weekly chidon (contest). Discussions, analyses and debates by well-known Jewish personalities will also be a feature of the show. And on a lighter note, Jewish holidays and festivals, folklore and customs will be explored through song, humor and community participation.

The Jewish Journal airs on Newton Cable 10 on Tuesday and Thursday, 8.30-9.30 p.m. (subject to change).

For more information, call **Cheryl Kupfer** at 229-4426. If you wish to have any community announcements aired on the show, call two weeks in advance.

BONDS SPRING LUNCHEON

State of Israel Bonds Women's Division held its spring luncheon at the home of Hinda Silber. From left are Ruth Abileah, wife of the consul-general of Israel; Micki Moore, guest speaker; Yetta Randall, luncheon co-chairman; Sylvia Shawn, chairman, Women's Division, and Hilda Silber, hostess.

YOUR FANTASY AUCTION

There's still time for successful bidders to arrange for dreams to come true just by placing a telephone call. Your Fantasy Auction, sponsored by Na'amat Canada, runs until Thursday, June 1.

Fantasies, such as all-expense holidays, getaway weekends, show biz opportunities, chauffeured evenings on the town, jewelry, men's and women's wardrobes, dream home decor, and pampered personal makeovers, are listed daily in The Toronto Star. All you have to do is call 636-7077 and volunteers manning multiple phone lines will accept bids on each day's fantasies. Daily listeners to KEY 590 will receive up-to-the-minute reports.

SISTERHOOD DINNER

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood closing dinner for the season is slated for Tuesday, June 13, at 6.30 p.m.

The charge is $15 members, $18 guests and payment must be made by June 6. Call the synagogue office at 633-5500.

An added note — entertainment will be most enjoyable and exotic.

PNAI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Now is the time to book your reservations for the PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) international convention taking place at the Crown Hotel, Miami Beach, June 25-28.

PNAI Toronto Chapter has always had a large attendance of delegates at the conventions. If you are planning to go, have mislaid your reservation form or require assistance, call **Victor Sefton** at 781-3061 or **Charlie King** at 783-7872 or **Minabelle Haneford** at 633-5136.

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rotary Club of Willowdale is offering scholarships in five areas — graduate study, undergraduate study, vocational study or training, teachers of the handicapped, and journalism. Applicants must be prepared to accomplish a year of study or training in a foreign country where Rotary Clubs are located.

Applications for the Rotary Foundation Scholarships for the 1990-91 academic year must be received before July 15. For further information and application forms, contact **Don Schelew** immediately at 759-7195 days or 736-0511 evenings.

TZEDAKAH PROJECT

The Tzedakah Project of grade 6 students at the United Synagogue Day School Bayview campus, under the direction of **Menachem Goldstein** and **Evelyn Burns**, raises money for Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem and the Israeli soldiers fund.

An upcoming fund raiser, a talent show, is being planned for the near future.

BERELE ZALTZMAN IN CONCERT

Mark June 25 on your calendar. That's the date of the concert featuring **Berele Zaltzman** in a program of Russian, Yiddish, Hebrew, English and Italian songs. It will be held at Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College, 1750 Finch Ave. E., beginning at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets are $200 donors (2 tickets) and $100 sponsors (2 tickets) tax deductible, $18 general admission, $10 seniors and students. Proceeds will go to the Jewish Russian Community Centre.

For tickets and information, call 665-9600.

NEWS FROM NIAGARA FALLS

Recently, the Niagara Falls Jewish community gathered in full force to commemorate Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

A special program was organized with the participation of Hebrew school students and members of the community including remarks by **Rabbi Nathan Liberman** and **Rosalie Samosh** and a candlelighting ceremony in memory of the

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BGU DINNER

Gordon Cooper (left), of the law firm Goodman and Carr, and Louis Sklar, president of Sklar-Peppler Furniture, are co-chairmen of this year's Ben-Gurion University tribute dinner. The fete, set for Monday, June 19, at 6.30 p.m. at the Inn on the Park, will honor Wolfe Goodman, senior partner with Goodman and Carr.

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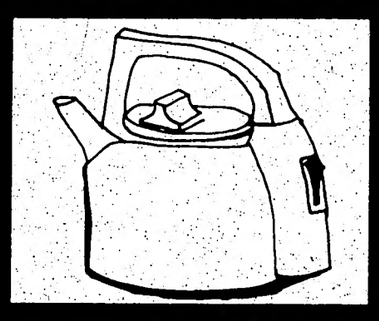

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victims of the Holocaust by **Mark Juliar, Mark Paul, Rhonda Saks, Irving Milchberg, Magda Simon** and **Marty Samosh**. A seventh candle was lit by **Joel Roff** with a special tribute to the soldiers of Israel who lost their lives defending the homeland.

In addition **Rhonda Saks, Leo Turkel, Jordan Gold** and **Mark Juliar** very ably presented excerpts from Holocaust literature.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Speech and Stroke Centre-North York continues to attract more new members than its current volunteer roster can support. If you have the time, the centre will provide the training. Sharpen your own communication skills while helping adult stroke survivors interact in small discussion groups. All it requires is one morning weekly, Monday to Thursday. To volunteer, call the centre at 226-3636.

Volunteer drivers to transport elderly and disabled persons to medical appointments are urgently needed by the Toronto branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Volunteers may use Red Cross vehicles and are needed days, evenings and weekends. If you are interested, call the Toronto branch at 480-2500, ext. 320 and ask for transportation services.

GOOD HEALTH AND VISION

Harmony Within for Good Health and Vision is the focus of the weekend health seminar conducted by **Dr. Leslie Savlov**, director of the Vision and Health Centre located in Whitewater, Wisc. The seminar will be held in Kingston, Ont., June 23-25.

Car pools will be arranged by the Canadian Natural Hygiene Society, Toronto Chapter. Call 781-0359 for more information.

at the jcc

On Sunday, June 11, for members of the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., there's a rooftop barbecue, games, relays, swimming and miniature water park. Admission is free with pay-as-you-eat barbecue. For information, call **Lindsay Henderson** at 924-6211.

Due to Caravan, the Bloor Y Good Age Club bazaar, originally slated for Sunday, June 18, has been postponed to the fall.

Bloor Y summer camp registration is being accepted. To register children 5-10 years of age, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

A program for single parents and children is set for Sunday, June 25, at Green Acres Day Camp offering a picnic and organized games in a country setting. This is organized by the Bloor Y and North-East Valley branches of the JCC. For information, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Iranian-Jewish Federation invites you to a Persian Gala on Saturday, June 11, at 8 p.m., at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Enjoy this Shavuoth program featuring Persian food. The cost is $20 per person. For reservations and information, call **Michael Silverman** at the JCC Valley at 889-0813 or **Mrs. Senelu** at 731-7350.

On Saturday, June 17, the original JCC Singles 50 Plus will be hosting a barbecue dinner and dance (deejay **Don Del Greco**) for singles and couples who have been or currently are involved with this group. It takes place at 7.30 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The charge is $14 per person. RSVP by June 9 by calling **Mimi** or **Risa** at 889-0813.

The JCC Valley Singles Network classic film festival series featuring **Humphrey Bogart** continues on Thursday, June 1, with The Maltese Falcon. The time is 7.30 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Admission is $3. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

The Singles Network invites you to swim and dance at a Beach Party at the Valley on Sunday, June 18, at 8.30 p.m. Admission is $7 and includes a deejay, cash bar and refreshments. For information, call **Luni** at above number.

Openings are still available for the JCC Valley arts and sports camp for kids ages 5-13. For information, contact **Luni** at 889-0813.

ORTIQUE

Toronto Women's ORT is presenting ORTique Fantasy on Sunday, June 4. Pictured above are (from left) co-chairmen Dr. Lesley Corrin and Kati Harari meeting with Marilyn Tevolowitz, owner of Marilyn's, whose fashions will be showcased. For further information, call ORT at 787-0297.

for seniors

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 is arranging a musicalle luncheon on Tuesday, June 6, at 12.30 p.m. featuring singer **Diane Lewarne** and pianist **Ruth Morawetz**. All seniors organizations are welcome to join in. The cost is $7.50 and please reserve early by calling 781-3511. This is the club's last meeting of this spring.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, an ongoing support service for widows 55 and over, meets every second Sunday from 1-2.30 p.m. in the centre's library, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting is set for June 4. The group coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Self-Help Widowers Program, for men 55 years and over, meets every second Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to noon in in the Wagman Centre library, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting takes place June 4. The coordinator of the group is **Alan Steinberg**. For further information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2267.

The LZA Seniors Club announces the following activities — A luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 7, at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. at 11.30 a.m...A few spaces are still available for the deluxe trip to the Catskills, July 18-25. Also, there will be a day trip to Muskoka in August that includes a lake cruise, lunch on the boat and a show at the Festival Theatre in Port Carling. Please note, the Ottawa trip is sold out...The drop-in centre is open Monday to Friday from noon to 4 p.m. with light lunches available. All activities take place at the Borochov Centre. For details, call 630-9444.

This week's schedule for the **Bloor Y Seniors**, 750 Spadina Ave., (at Bloor) includes — Monday, June 5, knitting at 10 a.m. and bridge at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, June 6, fitness at 12.30 p.m. and current events discussion at 2 p.m.; Wednesday, June 7, musical singalong at 1.30 p.m.; Thursday, June 8, fitness at 12.30 p.m. and then a rooftop barbecue picnic at 2 p.m. Tickets for this are $3.50 and must be purchased in advance. For information, contact **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211. Programs will resume July 4.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call **Avraham Leibovich** at 633-2630.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club ongoing activities at the Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard) are shuffleboard Monday and Wednesday mornings and tai chi on Mondays from 10-11 a.m...And at the clubhouse there is bridge on Mondays, 1-3.30 p.m.; ballroom and line dancing on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; art class on Tuesdays, 1-3.30 p.m.; fitness on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m., plus Saturday night dances every week from 7-10.30 p.m. Also, the game room is now open for ping pong and other activities. For information, call 636-7856.

Club Chaverim of the Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley branch meets every Monday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Come play cards, bingo and socialize. Make new friends and meet old ones. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is featuring a musical program performed by **Ella Krylov** on Monday, June 5, at 1 p.m. This is free to members...On Monday, June 12, at 1 p.m. **Yehudah Shen** will give a lecture and film presenting the new view of Israel and also highlights of the upcoming trip to Israel...Monday, June 26, at 7 p.m. is Volunteer Recognition night with entertainment by a musical group, the Canadian Guitar Association, and an added attraction of an exhibit of oil paintings by the club's own students. Refreshments are $1.50 (free to volunteers)...Ongoing activities will continue...About trips — Registration for the Catskill trip will be closed June 1. The June 14 cruise is sold out. The itinerary for the Israel trip, Nov. 8-27, has been completed. This includes the privilege of staying at the spa Ein Gedi and the hot springs in Tiberias...For information about all programs, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Senior Sinais Golden Book is still ongoing. Place your donation with **Frances Malkin** at 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein** at 630-3862, between 7 and 9 p.m.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The creative arts department is presenting an exhibition of arts & crafts on Thursday, June 1, from noon to 3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in the creative arts room. The exhibit will display the work of the North York Continuing Education art and pottery classes as well the centre's woodworking class. Items will include paintings, drawings, toys, pottery and sculptures. The work of woodworker **George Almassy** and driftwood sculptor **Hyman Fisher** will be featured. For more information, call 789-5131, ext. 2939...The outing to the Stratford Festival to see Kiss Me Kate is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. The cost is $39 members, $41 non-members. Register with payment at the Wagman Centre office. For more information, call **Todd Sweet** at 789-5131, ext. 2274.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series is presenting Back to Basics with **Dr. Bryan Sher**, chiropractor, who will discuss and demonstrate tips for achieving and maintaining a healthy back. The date is Thursday, June 1, at 1.30 p.m. Admission is free and all seniors are welcome.

Dance to the live music of the Creative Band on Sunday, June 4, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. Admission is $2.50 members, $3 non-members.

The Awareness Project on Abuse of the Elderly, a New Horizons committee of seniors at the centre, has been doing research and education on the issue of elder abuse in our community. If you would like information or a speaker on elder abuse, or would like to be informed of future lectures, contact the coordinator, **Sheila Zane**, at 225-2112.

BONDS BOARD MEETING

At the recent board meeting of Canada Israel Securities are (from left) Izzie Abrams, New Leadership chairman; Meir Rosenne, Israel's former ambassador to the U.S. and CEO, State of Israel Bonds; and Bob Daniels, executive board.

HECHTS HONORED

Judith and Alex Hecht (centre), presidents of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue Sisterhood and Brotherhood, were honored by the congregation for their many years of leadership within the synagogue and in the community at large. Participating in the tribute were Charles Laimain (left), incoming Brotherhood president and Mickey Alkin, (right), incoming Sisterhood president.

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NCJW TRIBUTE

At the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada 25th Silver Biennial Convention held in Hamilton May 28-June 1, tribute was paid to **Lucille Lorie** for her outstanding service to the organization and the community, locally, nationally and internationally. She served as vice-president of the International Council of Jewish Women and as president of NCJW of Canada for a 7-year period.

Lucille Lorie

Mrs. Lorie, who recently celebrated her 85th birthday, is the recipient of both the Coronation Medal for Community Services (1953) and the Centennial Medal (1967). She was a member of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, a past president of Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, a founder of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations serving as its founding president in 1959, and the first chairman of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal.

APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce has appointed **Daniel Fleishman** as its new executive director.

Daniel Fleishman

A native Torontonian with a long time business background, he is a past president of the Travellers Aid Society and a member of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce establishes contacts between business people of Canada and business people of Israel and encourages investments in new and interesting industries in Israel. The Toronto offices are located at 48 St. Clair Ave. W., Suite 1100. The phone number is 961-7302.

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Jerusalem College of Technology pays tribute to Albert Reichmann

TORONTO —

Albert Reichmann of Olympia and York Developments recently received a citation "in recognition and gratitude for his dedication and service to the Jerusalem College of Technology" at a JCT Business Lunch held in London, England.

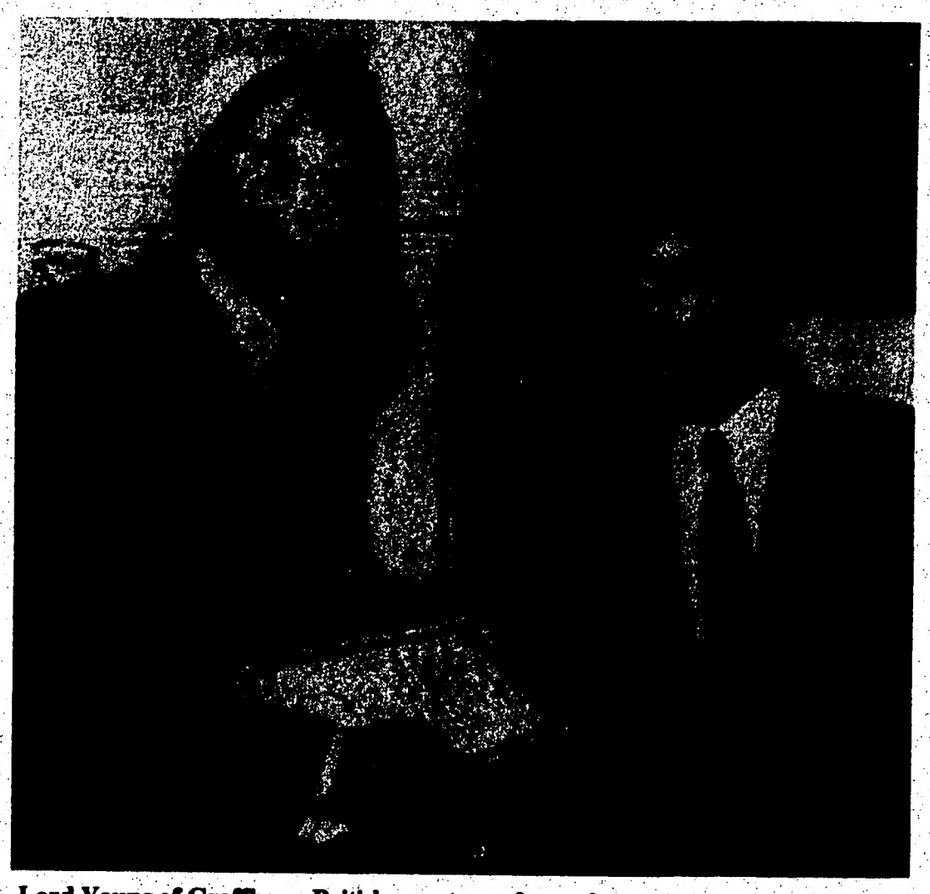
More than 240 leading businessmen attended the lunch which was hosted by Reichmann and Stuart Lipton of Stanhope Properties, London.

Guest speaker at the Business Lunch was Lord Young of Graffham, the secretary of state for trade and industry, who presented the citation to Reichmann.

Kurt Rothschild of the Canadian Friends of JCT attended the lunch. Zvi Weinberger, president of the JCT and Charles Bendheim, chairman of the American Friends of JCT, travelled to London for the prestigious event.

Reichmann, a long time supporter of the College, and Mickey Snow, a prominent Toronto developer, are the co-chairmen of a tribute dinner and technical fair to be held on Tuesday, June 13, at Toronto's Inn on the Park.

David Sugar, an expert in the field of metalizing and vacuum coating, will be presented with The International Friends Award from the College and Rothschild will receive the Louis L. Lockshin Award for Communal Dedication.



Lord Young of Graffham, British secretary of state for trade and industry, (left), presents the British Friends of JCT citation to Albert Reichmann.

For Christians and Jews: Fackenheim

Israel seen as sign of hope

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Israel's independence is a sign of hope for Christians as well as Jews, said Emil Fackenheim, a former philosophy professor at University of Toronto.

"We're undergoing many crises now but we must gather the strength necessary to say that although we do live in a crisis there is still hope," Fackenheim recently told a capacity crowd attending a Yom Ha'atzmaut service at Holy Blossom Temple.

Fackenheim, who now lives in Jerusalem, said that "we can't predict the future but we should look at it this way: we're opening a new page in the history of our people and perhaps in 100 years or so we will be one nation with everyone else."

He said that unfortunately there is now a tremendous gulf between Jews and Christians. "In 1933 when Jews were declared non-Aryan and Christians Aryan, Jews became guilty merely for being born Jews and thus were robbed of all choice. This gave Christians a new choice. They could accept or reject that definition."

Fackenheim said that "this was the moment Christians should have said 'if this is the definition, we are all Jews.' Had this happened the Third Reich would have collapsed."

He added that those who attended ceremonies for Righteous Gentiles see the vast gulf that exists between Jews and Christians. "If a Christian succeeded in saving a Jew then he is a hero, while the Jew is a survivor."

Fackenheim said one way to bridge that gulf is to appreciate the return of a Jewish state. "If only Gentiles understood they would celebrate the Jewish return to Jerusalem more than Jews."

He noted that the ultra-Orthodox in Jerusalem should remember that "whoever lives in Jerusalem is one of us — Orthodox or not. The timing of our return to Jerusalem could not be more appropriate than now."

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HADASSAH-WIZO OFFICERS

The installation of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO officers takes place at a dinner at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on Monday, June 5, at 7.30 p.m.

The installing officer will be **Cecily Peters**, immediate past national president of Hadassah-WIZO of Canada. She will install **Joan Kerbel** as president, **Rosalie Flomen** as vice-president, **Marilyn Perlman** as recording secretary, **Fran Sonshine** as treasurer, and **Roberta Dubiner** as corresponding secretary. Outgoing president is **Taube Zeifman**.

The program will also include a special candlelighting service as a tribute to all chapter presidents and past presidents.

RABBI PLAUT HONORED

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut is being honored by the Canadian Council for Refugees with its first Honorary Life Membership. The award is to be presented at the Council's spring convention to be held in Vancouver beginning June 1.

In 1984-85, the rabbi served as the federal government's appointee to devise a new refugee determination process.

The Council is composed of all national ethnic and religious refugee aid organizations.

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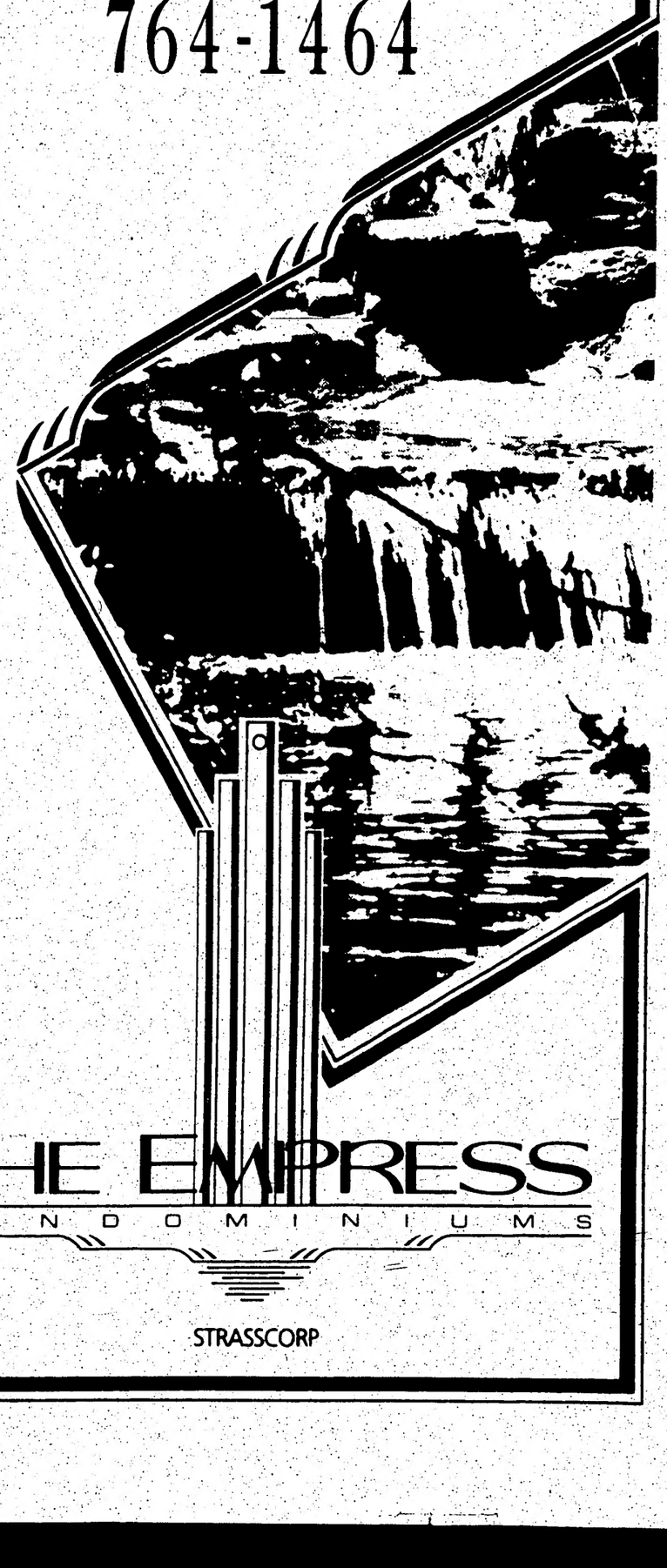

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United Jewish Appeal and Toronto Jewish Congress leadership helped kick off the 20th annual UJA Walk for Israel at the Promenade Mall, one of two starting points. Among those seen are (from left) Marty Goldberg, Carol Kassel, Joel Greisman, Elaine Lightstone, Walk chairman, and Charles Diamond.

13,000 turn out for walk and festival

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
Concrete evidence of the dramatic shift in this city's Jewish population from mid-Toronto to the area north of Steeles, was clearly manifested at the 20th annual United Jewish Appeal Walk for Israel.

The Walk committee, headed this year by Elaine Lightstone, decided on a new strategy — to go with two routes and two simultaneous starting points: the southern one, from Bathurst and Lawrence, the northern one from the Promenade Mall on Bathurst north of Clark.

"It was the best thing we could have done," said Lightstone, as she watched the swarms of youngsters and their parents arrive at the checkpoint set up in the massive Promenade parking lot.

"It made it much easier for families up here to participate in what is undoubtedly the biggest annual event of the Jewish community."

There was a steady flow of walkers on both routes, converging at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue checkpoint on Bayiew Avenue. Estimate of the total number of walkers as well as those who attended the Festival at the Jewish Community Centre is 13,000.

Actor Harvey Atkins, who was a regular on the Cagney and Lacey TV series, generated a lot of excitement signing autographs and cheering on participants at a checkpoint on the southern route.

Perfect weather made it ideal for all participants to enjoy every aspect of the day. The Festival, jointly chaired by David and Judy Engel, offered a variety of food, entertainment and activities for children and adults.

As in past years, B'nai B'rith lodges manned a number of checkpoints and for the first time, several UJA divisions — New Leadership Council, Societies, Young Executives & Professionals and Students — took on responsibility for the running of a specific checkpoint. Also participating as a group was the Association of Jews from the Soviet Union in Toronto.

A substantial contingent of disabled young men and women brought out by the Reena Foundation and the JCC, also took part in the walk.

Particularly commended by Lightstone was Ron Benrubi who pulled together a large team of traffic marshals "who did a superb job of ensuring the safety of all walkers at the many intersections along the routes."

Lightstone also cited Mitchell Blass who was responsible for the setting up of all checkpoints. "Mitchell and his corps of volunteers also did a first-rate job of seeing to it that all garbage and debris were removed from each checkpoint area all along the route. That's a big responsibility and it was carried out beautifully."

Handling the crucial area of communications for the seventh consecutive year was Dr. Ed Sheffman, along with his wife Helen and a dedicated cadre of radio operators.

Three veterans of the walk (all past chairmen) — Gloria Clamen, Bobby Katz and Larry Shapiro — shared their expertise by serving on an advisory committee. Clamen and Shapiro were responsible for organizing the merged Beth Tikvah checkpoint which featured an art display by students from eight Toronto Jewish day schools. Students of Associated-Leslie were responsible for the Israel display at the JCC.

"The amazing turnout of families from the northern sector" is credited by Lightstone to the outreach effort of the Steeles North Action Committee (SNAC) of Toronto Jewish Congress, with Roger Chaplin as the motivating force behind it.

Staffing the Walk and Festival were Rosie Sosnowicz and David Gotfrid.

Now comes the big task of tabulating the sponsor money raised for "Footsteps for Freedom." All funds raised will go toward the costs of absorption of immigrants in Israel.

New directions are encouraged

TORONTO —
People seeking the Metro Toronto police chief's vacant position should implement many of the recommendations made by a task force on race relations, says an official of B'nai B'rith Canada's League for Human Rights.

"This is an excellent opportunity for new directions and priorities," says Jerry Rose, co-chairman of the League's central cabinet.

"Chief Jack Marks has served the city well, but the rapid changes and shifting needs of the community call for radical initiatives on the part of our law enforcement agencies," he said in a BBC news release.

The force's leadership must pay attention to concerns being raised by Toronto's ethnocultural communities, he said.

"It's no longer possible to simply rely on the style of policing of the past," Rose said.

"The leadership must broaden the scope of its activities, training, priorities and mandate."

The new chief must be committed to reviewing the task force's recommendations, implementing them quickly and ensuring the policies are carried out effectively, he added.

"This opportunity to send out a clear signal to the whole community that their concerns are taken seriously shouldn't be missed," he said.

Jewish foster care problem grows in NYC

NEW YORK (JTA) —
"Foster care is an ancient tradition in Judaism. Moses was raised by foster parents. We need to remember the important history of foster care in our culture."

With these words, David Roth, executive vice-president of the Jewish Child Care Association of New York, appealed to the Jewish community of New York for help.

The problem of foster care is becoming one of gigantic proportions, with 300 to 400 new children entering the system every month, adding to the more than 20,000 children already there.

The factors which have caused this increase have not left the Jewish community unscathed. Tragedies such as serious illness, substance abuse, family break-ups or homelessness have left many people unable to care for their children.

Roth stressed the need for Jewish involvement. "Families in crisis desperately need the support of the Jewish community," he said.

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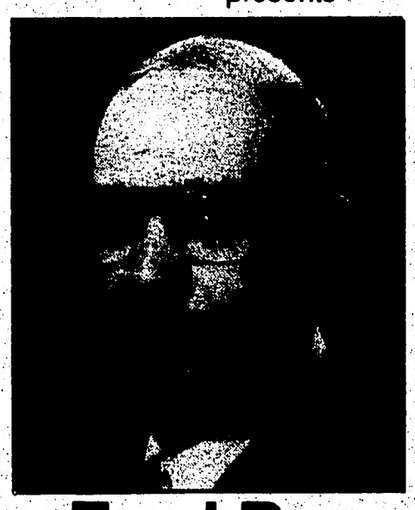

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For Jennifer Turack:

It's university one minute and Network the next

This is one of a series of profiles of young Jewish leaders in the Metro Toronto area.

By PHIL FINE

Jennifer Turack

TORONTO —

At noon on May 9, Jennifer Turack sat down at a rectangular wooden desk indistinguishable from hundreds of others in York University's Tait MacKenzie gym to write a 2-hour final in Science 1760.

Three hours later, she was at Network Canada's office on Bathurst St. typing letters, answering phones, barking orders and doing whatever else had to be done to get a busload of 25 students off to Ottawa for meetings with MPs the following day.

It wasn't the first time she's shifted gears so smoothly. After all, she didn't start organizing the trip to the capital — Lobby Day, as the annual expedition is called — until April 8. And, she wasn't even a Network member until last December.

But the short, brown-haired 19-year-old Toronto native seems to thrive on challenges. Though still a York undergrad, she already has designs on the Supreme Court of Canada. Failing that, she'll settle for the Knesset.

And who's to say she won't get there? When the bus which was to take the students to Ottawa overshot the Network office, Jennifer ran three whole blocks to flag it down. (It helped, of course, that the light near the 7-Eleven store at Neptune Dr. was red.)

Taking charge of situations is nothing new for Jennifer. For two years (86 and 87), she mother-henned 8 and 9-year olds at a Gravenhurst, Ont. summer camp. Last year, she moved up to assistant unit head.

The jobs demanded more than keeping her charges healthy and happy although that was a responsibility. (She also had to ensure dirty clothes got put in laundry bags). Coming up with activities which were both fun and educational was a major task too.

But she handled it successfully. To make Pesach come alive, she organized a treasure hunt in which campers had to place cardboard cutouts of haroset, maror and other foods in the proper order on the Seder plate.

To teach ethics, she had the children perform Pinnochio. But it was aveiros, not lies, which caused the imp's nose to grow longer.

Last year, she got campers to pretend they were Refuseniks.

"We actually had the whole thing," she says. "The visas, the police, everything."

The supervisory skills she picked up as a result have come in handy on other occasions. At a recent NCSY shabbaton where she was a volunteer, she once again found herself shepherding people from one activity to another.

"It was just like camp," she says of the experience.

The same might be said of her volunteer work at the Baycrest palliative care unit. But there, instead of being the tutor, Jennifer is the one being taught — in this case, by an elderly woman who speaks no English.

Since the woman, however, does speak Hebrew, Jennifer gets the chance to use the language she studied in both grade school and university.

She also gets a real chance to help others. She's at Baycrest, after all, not only to wheel patients around (which she does) but to bring some cheer into the lives of the terminally ill.

The relationship is anything but one-way. As Jennifer herself puts it, being close to the patients is like having an extra set of grandparents.

If they were in the capital May 9 and 10, they probably would have told her to slow down. For Jennifer's stay in Ottawa was anything but placid.

Not only did she have to brief the students on the reasons for the visit — Israel and the intifada — she also had to split them up into groups of four to meet with 23 Members of Parliament. In addition, she had to take part in a meet-the-MPs debate on Mideast peace.

But she survived. Moreover, she says, she learned a lot: about government, about MPs, about having politicians stick to an issue. But her most valuable lesson was a personal discovery.

As Jennifer herself puts it: "I learned I want to be on Parliament Hill!"

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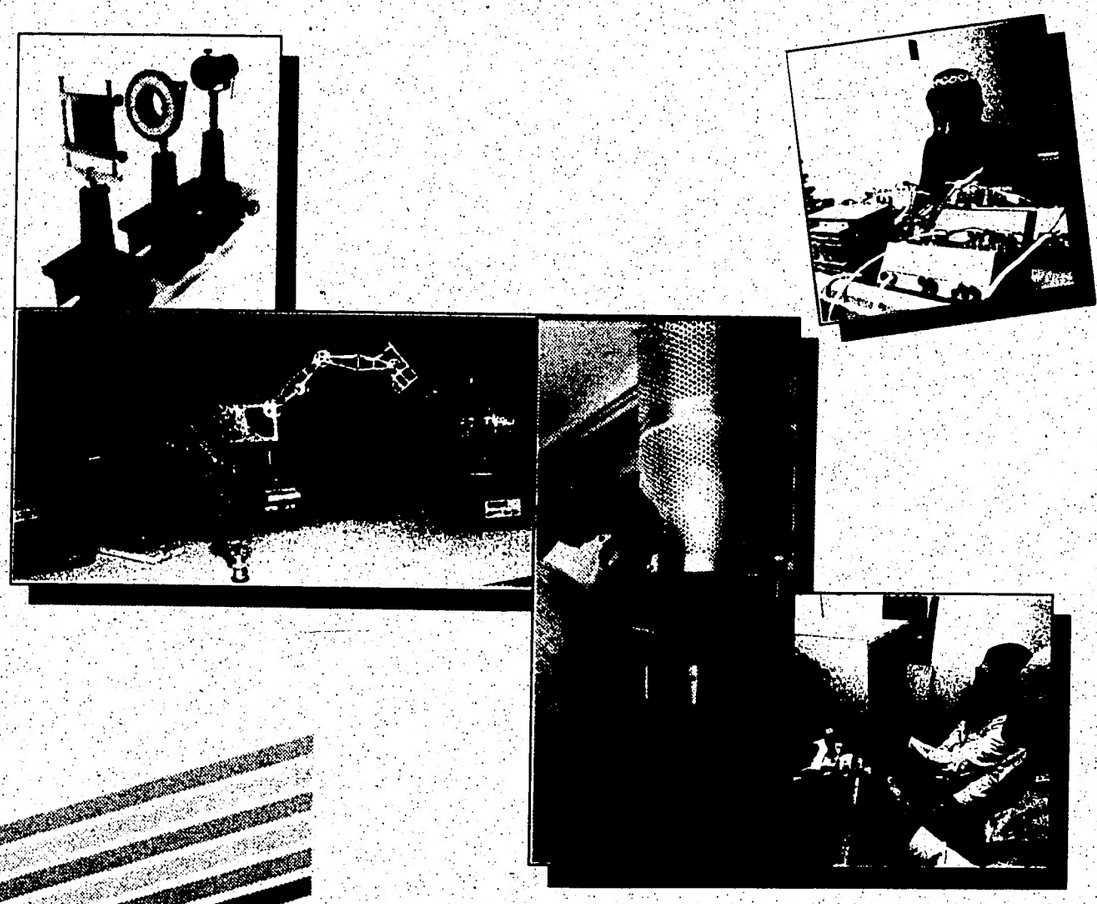

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Windsor student wins greeting card competition

TORONTO —

A record of more than 1000 entries from across the province were received in the recent Passover Greeting Card contest, sponsored by the Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

The contest yielded depictions of Passover and freedom, keeping the Soviet child in mind, created by students in grades 1 through 6 in Ontario Jewish day and afternoon schools.

There were first, second and third prize winners announced in each grade, while the grand prize winner went to Marni Lyons, a student at Congregation Beth-El day school in Windsor, who won a bicycle.

The cards of all 19 prize winners will be mailed to the Soviet Union, says Judith Bloom, chairman of the Youth and School subcommittee of the Soviet Jewry committee.

She adds that consideration is being given to reproducing at least two new entries for distribution by the committee. Every student who entered received a certificate of acknowledgement.

Bloom also helps oversee the Toronto Youth Council for Soviet Jewry, which represents all day schools and youth groups in Toronto.

Each school or youth organization is allowed two envoys on the council, which meets every six weeks to update students on the plight of Soviet Jews, explains Bloom, who is also national chairman of Hadassah-WIZO's Soviet Jewry committee.

"The representatives in turn brief their schools or groups on Soviet Jewry matters," she adds. "The students become very well versed. They are our future leaders."

The students also learn to chair and hold meetings and they maintain correspondence with Refusenik families. Each school has an "adopted" Refusenik family.

In addition to the Passover Greeting Card contest, students also send cutout paper crowns to the Kremlin on Purim and send Chanukah cards to Refuseniks.

The highlight of the 3-year-old youth and school committee is the annual Students' Freedom Caravan to Ottawa, which was scheduled to take place May 31.

About 35 students were to travel to Ottawa to meet members of Parliament, cabinet ministers, officials of the external affairs department, the Israeli embassy and the Soviet embassy.

At the latter, they were to deliver bags of mail to the ambassador, requesting the Soviet Union to grant basic human rights to Jews, including the right to emigrate.

Each school day in Toronto sent two students on the trip.

Judith Bloom holds the winning entry in the annual Passover greeting card contest.

Fox gets Weizmann post

TORONTO —

Avrom Fox has been appointed executive vice-president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, Society president Thomas Beck has announced.

The new executive vice-president, a native of Columbus, Ohio, succeeds Adam Kahan who served in the position for the past 2½ years.

Fox spent five years as staff associate and assistant director of the Columbus Jewish Federation. After serving for 3½ years as executive director of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg, Penn. he was appointed as executive director of the Jewish Community Federation of Rochester, NY, where he worked from 1984 until the present.

Avrom Fox

In his new position, Fox will be responsible for overseeing all fund raising activities of the Society throughout Canada as well as close ongoing liaison with the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot.

In announcing the appointment, Beck stated "We are pleased to have engaged Mr. Fox as our chief professional officer and look forward to the continued growth of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science under his direction."

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"Their major enemy is modernity"

Mideast fundamentalists feel besieged, says prof

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

To an outsider, religious fundamentalists in the Middle East appear "aggressive," but from their own point of view, they feel they are the ones under attack.

"They feel that their religion is losing out...and that modernity is winning." Whatever they do is done in the name of defending their religious tradition from a perceived "siege," the annual national conference of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East was told recently.

Hebrew University Prof. Emmanuel Sivan told the opening session of the conference that Jewish and Moslem fundamentalists "don't come from the margins" of their respective religious traditions. "They come from the broad consensus of the religions," though they focus on "a few fundamentals" of the tradition, "redevelop them" and elevate those to the defining characteristics of their movements.

That is why, in Islam, mainstream Moslems have not been able to brand the fundamentalists as heretics, he said.

By focusing on a return to "fundamentals," they feel better able to defend their traditions from the modern world, Sivan said. Usually, there really is a siege, with real enemies, although often fundamentalists invent their foes.

"Their major enemy is modernity and they usually spring up in modern societies...that haven't been delivering the goods."

For hard core fundamentalists, "it's the siege that counts." Others, had they received their own apartment or job, "maybe ...would have been suckers for modernity."

Sivan identified two branches of Judaism as fundamentalist: haredim (ultra-Orthodox) and ultra-nationalists, typified by Gush Emunim.

The Gush, he said, took a minor, activist, messianic tradition from Judaism as their focus. (The major Jewish tradition in this vein is "passive messianism" — waiting for the Messiah to arrive, he added.)

For the Gush, the foundation myth by which they gain their identity is the first two Jewish commonwealths of ancient times.

For the haredim, the foundation myths are 18th century Poland and Russia. "That's why they dress like that," wearing the black coats and hats of the Polish nobility that filtered down to the Jews living in shtetls (villages), he said.

Fundamentalist Moslems too have a golden age they would like to recreate. And like the Jewish fundamentalists, they have adopted single aspects of a broad tradition, sometimes adapting them to changing times.

Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini knows that in the Moslem tradition, jurists like himself as political leaders would be considered "a novelty." But times of danger are also times for action in defence of the faith, he would say, and it is necesary to act to save the faith until the Mahdi (Messiah) arrives.

Prof. Aryeh Shmuelevitz, of the Dayan Centre at Tel Aviv University, focused his talk on Turkey, a non-Arab, Moslem country that constitutionally separates religion and politics.

Iran, on the other hand, is attempting to establish the unification of religion and politics, he noted.

Asking whether Turkey can survive fundamentalism, Shmuelevitz said that despite the legal separation of church and state, Islam remains a strong force and the average Turk remains "a true believer."

Modernized country

The father of modern Turkey, Kemal Ataturk, was successful in modernizing the country, instilling national pride and creating the situation where religion was subservient to nationalism among Turks.

Religion was relegated to the private sphere, where it still plays a prominent role in the social aspects of daily life.

There has been a tremendous increase in the number of Islamic publications in Turkey in recent years, Shmuelevitz said, and clerical circles are increasing their influence among Turks working in Europe, where they suffer discrimination.

Shiite Iran maintains a widespread propaganda campaign in Turkey — as does Sunni Saudi Arabia — with constant demands to abolish its Western, secular government and replace it with an Islamic government.

However, the differences between Shiism and Sunnism are "significant" to the Turks, he said, and political parties advocating Islamic regimes have not been able to gain power in Turkey, suffering defeat after defeat in elections, he said.

In a 1987 election, the country's Islamic party, which is anti-Iran, gained only 7% of the vote.

Responding to the preceding talks, Iranian-born Shireen Hunter said the growth of Islamic fundamentalism is the "inevitable result of the process of modernization." If by modernization we mean "Westernization and secularism," then Moslems feel besieged, she said.

Hunter, deputy director of the Middle East section at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said Moslems are not against modernization, but believe it must be rooted in the local culture.

The Islamic clergy in Iran opposed modernization because they were politically disenfranchised, "and were going to put up a fight."

An anti-secular "backlash" arose since in Iran secularism was associated with the local elite. The influence of the elite in politics has been eroded and the "masses want their points of view to dominate. They had no stake in secularism," she said.

Hunter said the "real essence" of the matter — "what it is in fundamentalism we don't like" — is that it represents "a militant third world."

When Khomeini talks about the unity of the oppressed, he's talking about a challenge to the haves from the have-nots, she said. Since his frame of reference is Islam, those are the symbols he adopts, she stated.

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Will compete in Israel July 3-13

Members of Canada's Maccabi teams announced

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
The names of the Canadian Jewish swimmers, wrestlers and tennis players who will head for Israel to compete in the July 3-13 Maccabiah Games were released recently to The Canadian Jewish News after a series of national trials and selections in the Montreal area.

Maccabi Canada's National Athletic Committee in Toronto will make it official by rubber-stamping the list.

This is the way the teams will look:

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In **swimming**, four women and five men will make up the squad, a mixture of veterans, medalists, and young talent that will try to top the 11-medals won four years ago.

It won't be easy against the Americans, but there are strong medal-contenders. The female team will consist of:

• **Janna Promislow** of Edmonton, the first Canadian woman to garner swimming gold at the '85 games in the 100-m. freestyle. She's 18;

• 19-year-old Montrealer **Miriam Ticktin**. This Pointe Claire native has actually attended the past two Maccabiah Games and was a 1985 medalist;

• **Chantal Harrison** is only 14, but this young Montreal swimmer racked up multiple gold-medals at a Venezuela Maccabi meet;

• And **Sara Singer**, a 17-year-old Toronto swimmer.

Swimming for the men will be:

• Bramalea, Ont. resident **Stephen Merker**, 21, a medalist in 1985;

• 1985 Maccabiah medalist **Carl Bloom** of Dollard des Ormeaux (Montreal);

• 22-year-old Montrealer **Yaron Sternbach**, a new team-member;

• **Daniel Flater** of Toronto, 16, at his first Maccabiah;

• and Torontonian **Erik Goldsilver**, 17 and also competing at his first Maccabiah;

Organizers are delighted to see **George Gate** back as swim team coach after missing the 1985 games. Gate is arguably Canada's top swimming coach and recently was admitted to the Swimmings Hall of Fame. He will be assisted by **Bill Emery**, a former Montrealer who moved to Toronto a few years back.

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In **wrestling**, hopes should be high since Canadian wrestlers have always put in exceptional performances. In 1985 the team collected 10 medals. But an unknown quantity this summer will be Soviet Jewish wrestlers at the games and their threat, if any, to the Canadian squad.

Montrealer **Garry Kallos**, one of Canada's best heavyweight (and Jewish) wrestlers ever (he garnered two gold medals in 1985 alone), is coaching the team, and he will be assisted by **Howard Stupp**, also a former Canadian champion who now works for the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne.

Kallos has collected an armful of medals at the Maccabiah and was an Olympic athlete.

He said the 9-man team (and an additional three who look good to go) is "strong and young." Several are the cream of Canada's wrestling talent and are members of **Victor Zilberman**'s Montreal Wrestling Club (MWC).

Headed for Israel (in order of weight class) will be:

• **Simon Forman** (48-kg) of Edmonton, 17-years-old, at his first Maccabiah;

• 1985 Maccabiah medalist **Richard Hart** (52-kg) of Willowdale, Ont.;

• MWC-member **Richard Schwartz** (62-kg);

• 22-year-old **David Mendelsohn** (68-kg), a 1985 bronze medalist and a best-bet in the Greco-Roman competition, Kallos said. An MWC-member;

• His brother **Joseph Mendelsohn**, younger (17), but heavier (74-kg) and also with the MWC. Will be competing for first time at Maccabiah but is a veteran of many competitions.

• **Stuart Tate** (82-kg), 22, of Toronto, on his way to the Maccabiah for the first time;

• MWC wrestler **Danny Joffre** (90-kg), a 22-year-old 1985 Maccabiah bronze medalist;

• **Ari Taub** (100-kg) of Calgary, who is 18 and is competing at his first Maccabiah;

• And MWC wrestler **Andy Borodow** (100-kg), who Kallos said is also a best bet in Greco-Roman. Borodow won a silver medal in 1985 and has already amassed a sizable number of national and international medals in his weight class, the most recent of which have included winning the Canadian judo championship and national titles in freestyle and Greco-Roman.

The three other wrestling possibilities for the team are Montreal MWC wrestlers **Barry Poplaw** (82-kg), 26, **Rudi Adler** (90-kg), 40, and **Fred Avertik** (74-kg), 34.

Kallos would like to see the three able to join the other wrestlers because they'll bring leadership as well as medal prospects. Despite his age, Adler took a silver medal at the last national senior wrestling championships.

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As for **tennis**, four men and two women will make up the team. The women are 1985 Maccabiah veterans **Carrie-Lynn Cohen**, 21, of Willowdale and Kingston native **Kathy Sippos**, 19.

The men will be represented by **Arlin Sternberg** and **Matt Goldman** of Toronto, 1985 competitor **Kevin Green** of Downsview, Ont., and Montreal's **Allan Barg**.

At the last Maccabiah, Canada won a team bronze in seniors play. The coach is Toronto's **Mark Asaraf**.

Microwave helps keep kitchen cool

Cookbooks make summer chores fun

By
ESTHER FISHER

TORONTO —
With summer in the offing, it's time to think of ways to lighten your chores and your diet. Three new cookbooks offer a multitude of recipes and suggestions to make summer dining fun for the cook, her family and guests.

Two of these are microwave cookbooks. Undoubtedly, a microwave oven is a time-saver at any season, but during the hot weather, it has the added advantage of not heating up the kitchen. The third volume is a gorgeously illustrated picnic cookbook.

The Canadian Living Microwave Cookbook (Random House, 1988; $24.95) explains how to make the most of your microwave oven and offers 175 tested recipes for everything from appetizers to desserts and preserves.

The menu for a Moroccan style feast — lamb stew with apricots, couscous, onions, red and green pepper salad, sherried orange slices and mint tea — almost all of which are prepared in the microwave, sounds exotic and tantalizing.

In the tradition of the Canadian Living cookbooks, this one is beautifully illustrated with color photographs of many of the dishes; one, teriyaki salmon chunks, presented with freshly microwaved asparagus and snow peas, bordered with fresh endive, red lettuce and lemon slices looks like the ideal summer dinner. Besides being useful, this cookbook is lovely to look at.

Barb Holland's and Roxanne McQuilkin's *Microwave Cooking with Style* **(McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1988; $16.95), is less pretentious. A simple coil-bound volume with black and white sketches of how to prepare food for the microwave oven, it nevertheless contains excellent material.**

There's a fine introduction on how the microwave oven works; information on what it will and won't do successfully; recipes for combining microwave cooking with broiling or barbecuing; and over 150 tempting recipes.

Holland and McQuilkin, both home economists, fill their book with all kinds of hints and details to help the cook create easy, tasty, attractive and nutritious dishes. Many recipes suitable for summer dining are included in the chapter "The Lighter Side," for example, chicken canteloupe salad; spinach cannelloni with cheese filling and mushroom sauce, and a perfectly delectable recipe for smoked salmon and cream cheese quiche that would be just the thing for summer brunch.

Picnics by Marilyn Myers (Prentice-Hall, 1988; $19.95) shows and tells how to entertain outdoors with flair and a minimum of work. The emphasis throughout is on enjoyment.

In her introduction, Myers provides important information on planning and preparing picnic foods, stressing features to ensure that food doesn't spoil, and suggesting methods of packing and transporting food, accessories and table settings. The menu section offers picnic menus for almost any time of day, place or occasion.

Recipes are original and generally simple, for example, the onion and ricotta pie on a soda cracker base can be made in advance, stored in the refrigerator, and served, cut in small squares as finger food. As well as the wide selection of yummy starters and desserts, this cookbook offers a broad range of tempting entrees.

Each of these cookbooks would make an ideal gift for the weekend hostess or for yourself. To entertain graciously this summer, you don't have to be chained to a hot stove; get out and enjoy the glorious weather.

To get you started, here's the recipe for smoked salmon and cream cheese quiche from Microwave Cooking with Style. By the way, this recipe would be especially suitable for Shavuoth.

1 tbsp. butter, softened
¼ cup dry breadcrumbs
2 oz. smoked salmon, finely diced
2 green onions, chopped
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
3 eggs
1 cup cream
2 tbsp. chopped fresh dill, or 1 tsp. dried dill weed
1 tsp. horseradish
½ tsp. grated lemon rind
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. freshly ground pepper

Generously rub the sides and bottom of a 9-inch microwaveable pie plate or quiche dish with butter. Add breadcrumbs and shake dish back and forth to coat sides and bottom. Pour out excess crumbs. Refrigerate for 15 minutes to set. Sprinkle smoked salmon and green onions over the crumb base. In a food processor or blender, blend the cheese, eggs and cream until smooth.

Blend in dill, horseradish, lemon rind, salt and pepper. Pour the filling over salmon and onions. Microwave, uncovered, at Medium (50%) for 16 to 20 minutes, or until almost set in the centre. Rotate dish, if necessary, during cooking. Let stand directly on the counter for at least 10 minutes before serving. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Little change seen for Jews in the USSR

By
STEPHEN GARDNER

TORONTO —
In a recent visit to the USSR, four members of the Temple Emmanuel youth group here discovered little improvement in the plight of Soviet Jewry under glasnost and perestroika.

The purpose of the trip, headed by Marlene Myerson and Marsha Slivka, concentrated on visiting with and observing the lifestyles of Refusenik families.

According to Myerson, director of education at Temple Emmanuel and current chairperson of The Reform Educators of Toronto, the situation of the Refuseniks "remains dim and stagnant." She stressed that while some have been allowed to emigrate from the USSR, thousands of others continue to remain helpless in their struggle to break free from Soviet rule."

The situation of Soviet Jewry as a whole has not improved. Slivka emphasized that under glasnost "certain freedoms of speech have led to publicly stressed anti-semitism." She found "most shocking" the fact that the Soviet government permits the existence of Pamyat, "a group which publicly demands pogroms and physical assault on Soviet Jews."

Another factor in Soviet policies which fails to be valid is freedom of religion. "This so-called freedom," said Myerson, "is just a front used by the Soviet government to convince the western nations that under glasnost Soviet policies tolerate Judaism and other religions." She added that the Jewish Cultural Centre in Moscow serves only as a "showplace to the media." She described the centre as a "falsefront" for the West.

"When we arrived at the Jewish Cultural Center it was all locked up. When we asked the authorities why the center was locked up, they replied that the center was closed for renovations."

One might wonder why a new building would be closed for renovations after it had only been open for a few months, she said. "In any case," Myerson added, "Soviet Jews are fearful of going to the centre even if it were opened."

Rob Roston and Jordan Farick, the two students who accompanied Myerson and Slivka to the USSR, urged more communication and emotional bonding with Soviet Jews. Emotional support through letters, photographs and telegrams "reaffirms confidence in their lives. They know that Jews in western nations are working on their behalf." They also urged continued activism.

This included writing letters to local MPs and signing petitions. "Tactics such as these," Roston said, "can make a difference."

"Until every Jew who wants to leave the Soviet Union is able to do so, the work of the activists will never be over," said Myerson.

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Seniors and Health

Balanced diet relevant regardless of one's age

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Food for thought was what I needed when I sat down to write this article, or so I believed. Consequently, there I was munching on an oatmeal muffin smothered in strawberry jam writing a story about diet and nutrition.

Did I feel guilty? The answer came back strong, resounding — yes. I should have left the jam off, I scolded myself. The coffee could have been black, no sugar instead of sugar, double cream. However, the more I read and wrote about diet and establishing proper eating habits, the less guilt I felt.

Power Eating, a book co-authored by Frances Berkoff, the outpatient dietition at Mount Sinai Hospital, calmed my fears that the muffin I had just wolfed would be the subsequent cause of the next two pound increase. Most of the information has been derived from Berkoff's book which will be on the shelves in the next few weeks.

Ever since we learned to count to four, we have been taught about the four food groups and the importance of eating well. At the time, most of us were more concerned about what Mom would make for dessert or how many more pennies we needed to save for that bag of potato chips. And didn't we feel deprived when little Sally down the street carried all the sweets a kid ever dreamed of having while we didn't have any?

Despite the fact that the little ones who found carrot and celery sticks in their lunches (grapes if you had been especially good) always felt hard done by, chances are that Mom knew exactly what she was doing.

The theory behind the age-old Canada's food guide is based on three basic factors — variety, energy balance and moderation.

Choosing a different kind of food from within each group will make the balanced diet far from boring while balancing the energy intake from food with the energy output from physical activity will help with weight control. Moderating the amounts of sugar, fat and salt will also contribute to a healthier diet.

Just recently, the media and harping health nuts have warned the public that vitamins are bad for you. Not true. Too many vitamins can be detrimental, as can too many of one kind of vitamin, but basically, if the rules of a proper diet are observed, supplements are unnecessary, Berkoff says. There is no effective substitute for good food habits.

Most of us can still remember what fun we had experimenting with different foods, but what we didn't realize was that we were developing the foundation of an important health skill. Studies have shown that children who eat regularly are alert and energetic. They are able to hold off disease and infection, a fact that will be continued into adulthood.

Children learn through experience and imitation so it is up to parents to instill the importance of a healthy diet.

Remember, by following Canada's Food Guide you will know what your child should eat but your child will be the best judge of how much he or she will eat. Keep in mind that the portions quoted in the guide are adult servings, so adjust the portions accordingly.

Large portions can be overwhelming and unappetizing. Encouraging children to overeat may cause weight problems in the future.

"It's not a given that all mothers feed their children well," Berkoff said in an interview.

"They can overfeed their children or simply feed them the wrong types of food."

The young stomach can't always hold enough to carry children through to the next meal and consequently, they tend to snack. Creative snacking is one way to ensure that children munch on good tasting, nutritious food. For example, try cottage cheese or peanut butter on whole grain crackers, fruit juice popsicles, bran muffins, bagels with melted cheese, cheese chunks or fresh fruit.

Of course, parents should also avoid sweet snacks like candies, cookies and soft drinks and teach their children that the alternatives can be just as good. A set exercise program is not necessary with children as they are usually active enough at a young age.

However, as the child begins to grow up, he or she must deal with other weight and health problems. It is in the adolecent/teenager/student group that most eating and diet disorders occur.

To begin with, the busy student doesn't always have time to sit down to a home cooked meal, and consequently, the balanced diet is sacrificed for a bag of chips and a pop - something to eat on the run. This is not a good practice, she says. Even take-out foods like pizza or Chinese food can supply a balanced diet. The one problem here is the fat content which must be watched to some extent.

Despite a busy schedule, people in this age group should find the time to exercise. A brisk walk can be just as beneficial as swimming, jogging or tennis. It is a simple matter of walking to work instead of taking the bus, if your schedule doesn't allow for an exercise program.

Eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia c t people of any age. With society's emphasis on physical appearance, the number of people with eating disorders is on the rise. However, surveys show that 5% of women suffering from anorexia and bulimia are between 15 and 25 years.

Anorexia is characterized by intense dieting or self-starvation in an unrelenting pursuit of thinness. Bulimia is characterized by recurrent episodes of uncontrollable binge eating (up to 10,000 calories at a sitting) usually followed by purging (self-induced vomiting, laxative abuse, fasting).

Other common eating disorders in this age group are starvation and fad diets. Starvation diets are for losers, Berkoff says. They affect people in a number of ways: muscle loss, slower metabolic rate, fatigue, mood swings, and loss of strength and endurance.

Losing weight through dehydration is even more debilitating and potentially a killer. Eating properly while losing weight guarantees that people will want to exercise and have the abitlity to do so.

"Fad diets aren't particularily good either. What happens is they don't take into account or address people's like and dislikes. They are fads," Berkoff said.

Exercise is important not only to improve physical appearence, but also to improve basic overall health. Because of the emphasis society places on thinness today, exercise may already be a major part of your program, but if it isn't, now may be a good time to start. Daily exercise should be practiced by people of all ages to maintain the cardio-vascular system, tone muscle and burn calories.

The main rule of thumb for adults is up with fibre and down with fat and cholesterol, Berkoff says. It is a known fact that most North Americans need to increase their fibre intake.

In the last 20 years researchers have started to link our Western diet to diseases such as hemorrhoids, gallstones and bowel and colon cancer. We eat tons of processed foods and this method of food preparation takes most of the fibre out of food, she says.

Insoluble fibres, found in breads, cereals and many fruits, absorb and hold water. They provide the bulk that pushes food through the digestive track. Soluable fibres, found in oat bran, lentils and legumes, mix with water in the intestine and form a gel-like substance, which collects certain waste material and moves it out of the body.

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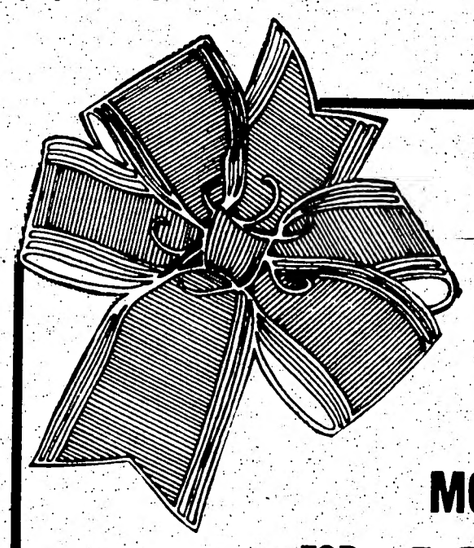

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Friends for 40 years

Chums begin second career

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

A 40 year friendship has blossomed into a profitable business partnership for Sylvia Seaton and Helen Cainer.

The two took over an old shoe store at 1579 Bayview Ave. that hadn't seen any kind of repair for 17 years.

"The shop was in dire need of plastic surgery. Everything was gutted and really, nothing stayed except for the floor. We had a young Toronto designer, Karen Walden, work on the store design for us. We simply told her what we wanted — something warm not white-on-white," Seaton explained.

Warm is the word, while inviting and relaxed aptly describe the atmosphere of the store deemed Collected Works by its founders.

The company lives up to the name by collecting unusual pieces of arts and crafts from all across Canada.

The co-owners liken their partnership to a marriage — each has her strong points and concentrates upon these areas to make the business a success. Cainer handles the business end of the operation and though she deals with the in-store displays and customer requests, Seaton is the one who selects the items and maintains the stock.

"We have worked hard and our husbands have been phenomenal. They have helped out physically — from painting to picking up stationary, and they have spent many weekends working late with us. They have been very supportive," Seaton said.

"The response has been very reassuring. We entered unchartered waters. So far we haven't any regrets but we do wonder if the store will really go. When someone asks us how things are going, we usually answer fine, but come back next year and ask that again."

"We are cautiously optimistic," added Cainer.

Both are equally qualified for the business. Cainer, 57, spent the last 14 years working as the administrative co-ordinator for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. Added to this is the sculpturing and glass work Cainer has done in her studio for the past eight years.

She is also an accomplished tailor and seamstress. The Toronto native has a son, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Quality always attracts owners

Seaton, 55, was also born and bred in Toronto. She worked as the Florida-based Canadian sales representative for a tennis club, and she is well experienced in the retail business. Seaton has three children and three grandchildren.

The dynamic duo are as impressive as the stock they sell. Unique, impressive, interesting and definite conversation pieces, the arts and crafts displayed beautifully are testiments to the owners' good taste and their ability to spot the sellers.

"For the most part, the characteristic that is most important is the quality of design and execution. So, if it's interesting and well done, that will grab us. We're always on the lookout for the new and the sophisticated," Cainer said.

"It's also very exciting to work with some of the new people. It is really exciting to see artists as they grow and improve," Seaton said.

"It is a challenge to translate our personal taste into what the public thinks is exciting."

"They differ in personality as well as their work. With hardly any exception, they are all easy to work with. Artistic temperament aside, they are very business-like," Cainer added.

"They're very fine aren't they...very delicate," said one of the three customers in the store as she fingered one of the curved, oblong polished porcelain earrings that was swirled with colors.

Another piece that was admired was a warped coffee pot. The body of the pot was bent backwards with an ear-shaped handle. The white with huge blacky-blue dot pattern also appeared on the matching mugs.

Among the collection were a variety of porcelain vases, a framed nature scene done in a fabric collage, a 3-D window scene of Newfoundland, beautifully decorative eggs and plates.

A full set of miniatures were also on display. The collection featured an old-fashioned washing jug and bowl, a teapot complete with cream and sugar, bowls, plates and vases. The entire set was hand-painted with minute three petal flowers.

To try to describe any of the other displays is to do everyone involved an injustice. The collection of the weird and wonderful must be seen to be appreciated.

"People who come in here are awakened to the field of craft. We don't carry simple tea covers. Our collection of crafts can belong in the art world and people who come in are awakening to that. It is a chance to see the fine pieces that are being done," Cainer said.

The owners have not been able to single out one piece alone that they can call their favorite.

"You find you get very attached to several pieces that really sing out," Cainer said.

"You really miss them when they're gone. It really is a rich, environment in which to work," Seaton admitted.

"When they go, you almost want to know if they have gone to a good home," Cainer said with a smile.

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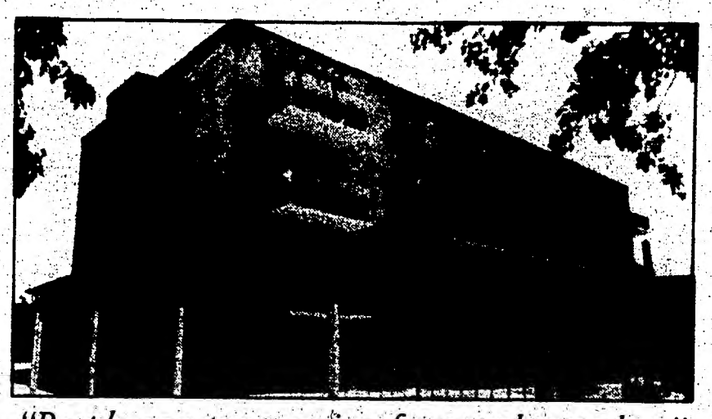

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Diets designed for older adults really don't differ from the younger-adult diet except for the size of the portions. Retired people tend to slow down and become less active as they age, so they don't require the same amount of food they needed when they were younger, Berkoff says.

In-other-words, fewer calories are required but the amount of vitamins and nutrients needed remain the same. As well, maintaining a regular exercise program is important.

"Diets can't cure medical problems. It's actually the other way around — eat healthily to prevent problems later in life," Berkoff advised.

Sugar content in a diet is another consideration for the health-conscious person. Sugar is not necessarily the villain it's made out to be.

It is a concentrated form of energy and simply lacks any other nutrients, and therefore, it is sometimes referred to as empty calorie food. However, a certain amount of sugar in our diet is not harmful as long as it does not take the place of the essential complex carbohydrates.

So, do I still feel guilty about my muffin and jam? No.

The muffin provides the fibre and the jam, although a bit of a splurge, will give me a little extra energy. And besides, I plan to go to aerobics anyway! Tomorrow.

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Shoom clan proud of Y tradition

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —
Little did Syd Shoom know that when he walked into the Brunswick Y that Sunday 54 years ago, he was starting a tradition that would be carried down through the next two generations.

Since that time, the Shooms have found fun and companionship, romance and careers at the Jewish Community Centre.

The original Brunswick Y opened in 1935 and, as Shoom's daughter Marilyn Saltzman commented, "If you were Jewish and wanted to do something athletic, that's where you went.

"It was basically just a gym. It didn't have any floor markings for games so when the ball went out of bounds, you actually hit the wall!"

Shoom was an avid basketball and baseball player. His bride-to-be Dorothy Goodis, also joined and participated in some of the games in the small building.

That was 1952 — the year the old Y closed and a new facility called the Bloor Y Branch opened. One thing led to another and Shoom found himself not only playing badminton and basketball at Bloor (a practice still followed today), but also maintaining the volunteer position of athletic chairman.

"At that time, people were voted into these positions. It was actually the beginning of one of the first lay committees. I think it was required because the Bloor Y offered a broader program than the Brunswick. It catered to both the athletic and religious aspects of the community," Saltzman said.

Ten years later, the North Y branch was founded. It took the place of the four tennis courts and shack that had been there to begin with.

"When we were little — I think I was 10 so Marty would have been 8 — our parents always took us with them. I remember they were very prominent badminton and tennis players at the time. It wasn't the trophies that were important but rather the community group of players. That hasn't existed since between 1962 to 1973.

"Strong friendships were formed, and for ourselves, as offspring, we made a lot of friends. When we were teenagers, it was a social place as well as a place to do sports," Saltzman said.

During the 60s and 70s, both Shoom and his wife sat on various committees and boards directly connected with the Y. Today, they are both members of the board of directors. The group meets about twice a year, and it is considered to be more of an a honor than a function, Saltzman admitted.

"I remember as a child being very proud of the fact that Mom and Dad sat on the clubs. I was proud that they were doing something important."

Today, the Shooms still use the Y on a regular basis. Whether for a game of tennis on Friday, an aerobics class or a basketball game, the Y gives them a chance to get together with the other members of the family for a few hours before Shabbat.

"When I look at my parents I don't see them as seniors. But, Dad is 66, and Mom is 61 so I suppose technically, they are! Our mother is a slim, fit attractive woman. And Dad well, when he turned 65, the whole family went out, booked off the courts and played tennis! But, they aren't fanatics. This is just something they have done all along."

Both Salytzman, 37, and her brother, 34, follow their parents' example closely.

"While our parents did their own thing, we did ours. I spent a lot of time in the Sunday afternoon programs. They featured hobby-like clubs — building model airplanes, judo and other things along those lines. They had at least one program that would satisfy everyone. I got involved in the swim classes and I taught indoor tennis classes when I was 15.

"I eventually became a certified instructor and work part-time at the JCC," said the younger Shoom who is an architect.

"My experience as a participant at the JCC has made it far easier to become involved in other projects. I have manifested some of those ideas and experiences in some of my current projects. When you spend that much time there, you get to know it intimately and I have used this in other community centres.

"As far as my parents go, they are true role models. It is so rare to find parents in their 60s being so fit. In a way, it permits a connection between father and son. For instance with tennis, when I was young I tried to beat the pants off my Dad so it became a goal. Now that he is older, we still book off the courts and play," he said.

"For as long as I can remember, my father actually made a conscious decision to leave work at a certain time to go work out. I'd have to say it is the same for all of us," he said.

In her turn, Saltzman has also carried on the family tradition at the JCC. During her teenage years, the Centre was a second home to her as much as it was to the entire family. Due to the strong influence of the JCC in her life, she specialized in physical education and now teaches aerobics at the Y. In 1975, the North East/Valley Branch of the Y was established.

"I met my husband there. I didn't use it as a social club, but I saw him on the squash court one day and because of our common interest, it gave me the opportunity to meet him without having to feel uncomfortable.

"I am still very involved with the Y now. Not only do I teach there, but our children also use it. All three of them have gone through the children's programs from nursery school to junior kindergarten. It has allowed me to be there with them even during the holidays.

"For three years I also chaired the early childhood services committee and I now sit on the Northern Management committee. It seemed to be the natural extension of something my parents had done. If you want to have input into the programs, this is the way to do it." "Now our children use the facility learning to do the same things we did with our parents. It has continued through. Now my father throws the ball to my kids like he used to do with us."

The Saltzmans have three daughters — Keri, 7, Stacy, 5 and Jaclyn, 2. Although their father, Jerry, was not raised in the Y like the Shooms, he is an avid member of the Centre.

"I was playing basketball and swimming at the Y when I was 14. I liked to play handball too. It's that whole idea of the young against the old — the young crowd would come in to try to swipe the game," said Saltzman, who was athlete of the year in 1978.

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By
MARIE MOORE

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The firm's warehouse is open to the public and, because of the response, the company is also considering a retail store dedicated exclusively to providing seniors and physically-challenged customers with affordable clothing and accesssories.

This new retail outlet will also be located at the Steeles site and, because of its access to the warehouse, clients will virtually have the full warehouse selection at their disposal.

Other special considerations may be extended to Silverts clientele. For example, the mobile units also bring travelling fashion shows to facilities located in and around the Metropolitan Toronto area.

Discounts are also available and a mailing list makes sure that potential customers are kept up-to-date on the company's fashionable selection and coming events.

The company's Spring/Summer catalogue is available by calling toll free 1-800-387-7088. Toronto-area customers can call 738-4545.

Rebecca Comfort Clothes carries a line of open-back garments such as this one for physically-challenged seniors. Shot at L'Hotel. (M-J Crete photos)

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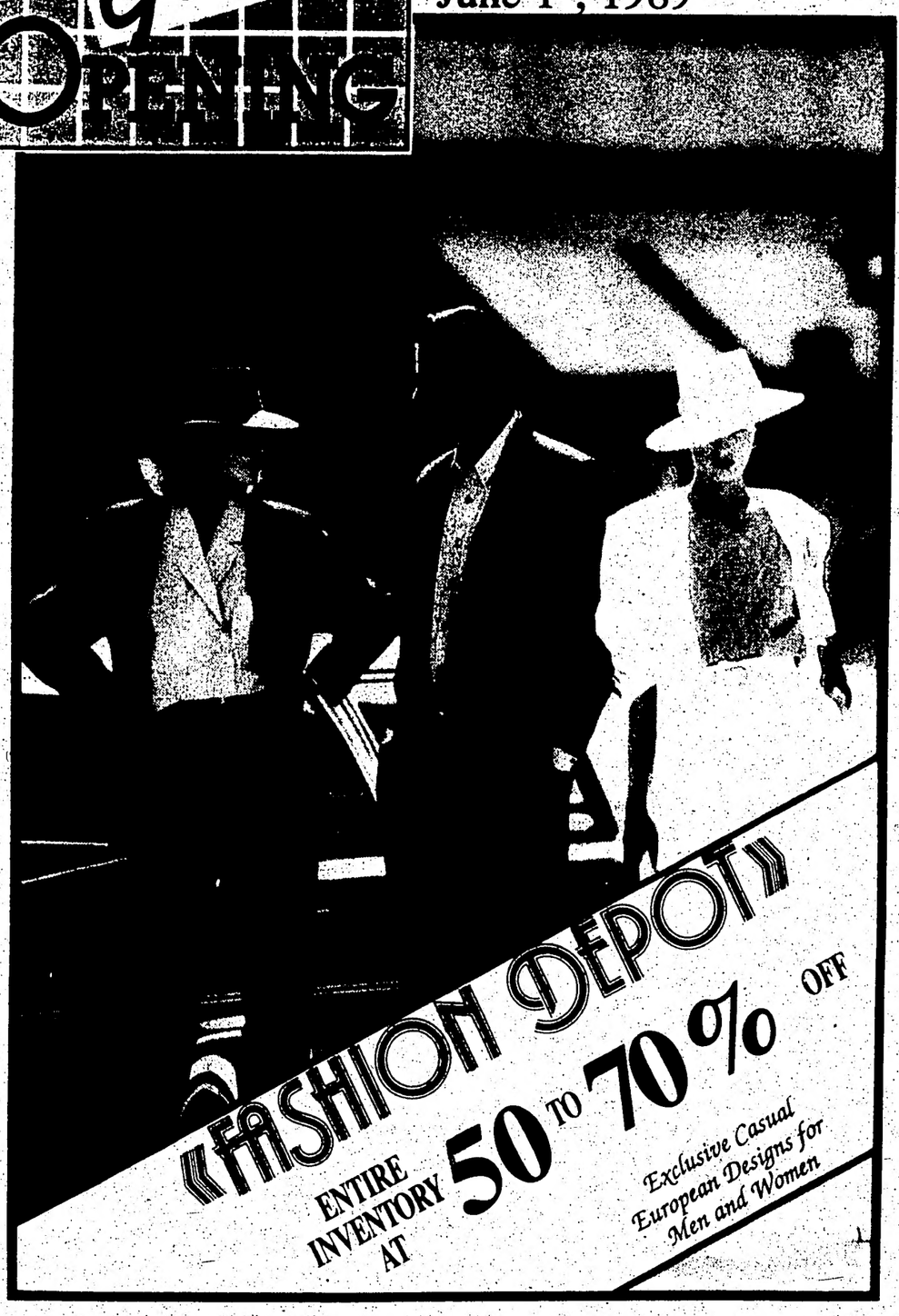

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Fashion

Men changing attitudes

Designing suits Wong's style

By BRUCE PARKINSON

Alex Wong makes a reporter's job easy.

After getting comfortable in a black leather chair in his Yorkville store he asked, "So, what do you want to know."

One question follows, and for the next 45 minutes the contents of a bright and lively mind spill out, requiring little further effort on the part of the scribe, aside from writing furiously. Wong's speech is punctuated by frequent smiles and liberal doses of throw-your-head-back laughter.

In short, he is one of a distressingly rare breed in our society — a confident, happy man bereft of pretensions and jealousies, who is loving every minute of the time he is given.

Wong is also one of a breed that is becoming less and less rare in Canada today. He is a designer who, after creating a base in women's couture and off-the-rack clothing, has turned his hand to high-quality men's wear, one part of the industry that is not feeling the blues.

"A lot of men have decided to stop looking like rednecks. The attitude has changed drastically in all ways. Men are trying to look appropriate for different occasions, they realize there is more to life than looking like a slob. While women are tightening up the belt, men are spending more and enjoying themselves more with their clothing."

Alex Wong illustrates how detailing in fabric and features can add appeal to men's suits. (M-J Crete photo)

Born and raised in Hong Kong, the designer came to Canada 13 years ago. While he said his nature would allow him to "be content almost anywhere," he has a strong passion for his adopted land.

"Canada is a country with prosperity and opportunity, if you work hard. It is also a country that recieves others much better than most countries. Living here gives me a lot of satisfaction."

Wong also discounts the naysayers who believe Canadians lack a sense of style.

"We are a different people with a certain flair. On average Canadians are not avant-garde. They feel very uncomfortable making grand entrances — they are more content with their own identities. The priorities are that clothing should be functional and practical, but with a contemporary look."

Those are priorities with which Wong himself is comfortable. Borrowing from Vidal Sassoon, he said, "If you feel good, you look good. If you don't feel comfortable in a piece of clothing it is like a cage. If a style suits you, you should always wear it — forget what's in."

Part of Wong's fascination with clothing is related to its ability to accentuate the wearer's personality if chosen properly. "A simple thing can transform someone. Every person has their own perfect shape to carry. If chosen correctly, a garment allows a personality to grow right through the cloth."

While on the surface it may appear that men's wear requires less creativity because of the pants-shirt-jacket strictures that are unlikely to change — as Wong said, "besides the Scottish, few men are interested in wearing a skirt" — he asserts that men's wear hasn't been fully explored.

"There is a frontier to be developed. While the shapes and cuts for men have been just about perfected, there is lots of room for experiment in the little details that catch people's eye."

Wong studied textile design at the Ontario College of Art, and he says that this, too, is a fashion frontier that will continue to be developed. In the future, he hopes to design his own textiles and have them made exclusively for his line.

He calls his men's line Alex, joking that his surname might get lost among the Tongs and Sungs, but he also wants to avoid an ethnic stereotype of his clothing.

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Wong's line offers males 2 vivid looks

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Wong's first men's collection now is in the stores. The line divides into two sections, one with classic styling, the other with a more "confident and adventurous look."

The designer has used three different fabric combinations for each of the pieces in the collection. A cotton/linen blend gives a "crisp" look, rayon gives a "nice drapey" look, and 100 percent Irish linen, Wong's summertime favorite, gives a "wrinkled with character" look.

In jackets, a single-breasted notched collar affair and a double-breasted peaked collar number offer the classic side, while a collarless crew neck and a V-neck jacket appeal to the more adventurous. In shirts and pants, a variety of details, including raglan sleeves and pleating and pocket variations give individual touches. Subtle checks and plaids can intermix with solid pieces.

Navy, black and white and cream form the base colors of the collection. A pewter gray looks attractive in linen. Wong plans to introduce a new color theme with each collection, which will be designed with continuity in mind. He said that his idea is to offer the collection as a puzzle box — "the customer can put the pieces together whichever way he pleases."

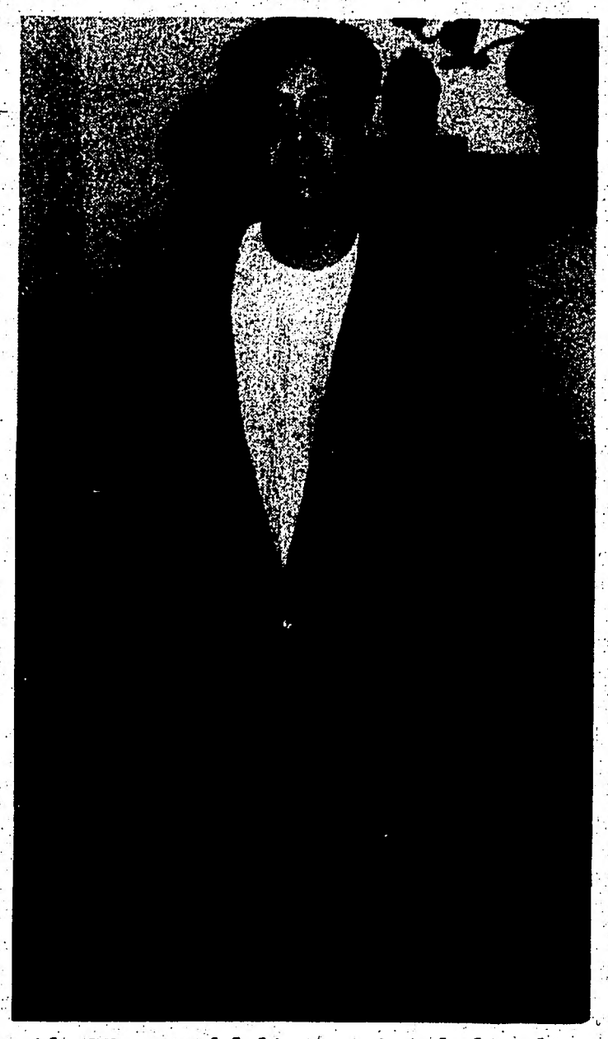
Retail prices for the Alex collection range from $275 - $330 for a jacket, $150 - $195 for pants and $95 for shirts. The cotton/linen blend is least expensive, with rayon in the middle and the Irish linen at the top of the line. Fabrics too can be intermixed.

Wong is pleased with sales to date for his first-ever men's line. Agent Jaime Cameron managed to get Alex into Simpsons, Boomer, Brooks & Fox, Sinatra's and Abiti for the summer, as well as Zoo-Option in Montreal. The line is, of course, available in Wong's own store, Damask.

After the creative strain of putting out the line, which Wong likens to giving birth to a baby, he is looking for steady growth over the next three seasons.

"I've seen too many people come up too fast and go down just as quickly. I prefer a steady climb rather than a mushrooming."

For now, the young designer is content to remain content. "I'm having a very enjoyable career, I wouldn't change a thing and I consider myself a very fortunate person."



Alex Wong models his gray suit and white shirt which have collar-less necks. (M-J Crete photo)

Shenkar student winner

Yaron Minkowski presented an exotic look in cocktail and evening wear at the prestigious Igido Design Competition held earlier this year in Dusseldorf, West Germany.

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Explain how 2 religions can exist together

Clerics deal with the reality of intermarriage

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Happily Inter-Married, by Rabbi R. A. Rosenberg, Father P. Meehan and Rev. J. W. Payne. Collier Macmillan. (Paperbound) $10.95.

Intermarriage between Jews and Christians has skyrocketed. The statistics are somewhat hazy and vary from place to place but it seems that close to 40% of North American Jews are involved at one time or another with an interreligious marriage. The growing number of such marriages and what can or should be done about them are complex and formidable questions that confront the Jewish community.

Happily Intermarried, subtitled *Authoritative Advice for a Joyous Jewish-Christian Marriage*, is not concerned with the phenomenon of intermarriage but its reality. It asserts that two religions can exist happily in one home.

Intermarriage is rampant, the authors contend, simply because people live in the same neighborhood, attend school and college together and work side-by-side in offices, laboratories and factories. "Jews and Christians today share many things in common — ideals and values, styles of living, educational background. For most of them there is not too much that distinguishes a 'Jewish way of life' from a 'Christian way of life.' "

A chapter on conversion makes clear that the love of one partner for another is not an adequate basis for change of faith. "Most Jews and Christians who marry each other will find their happiness not in conversion but in a life enlightened by mutual respect, caring, and sharing, a life in which one religious heritage can enrich the other."

The ecumenical wedding ceremony in which a rabbi participates along with a priest or minister is now common. "These ceremonies in most instances are very inspiring, both for the bridal couple and for the assembled wedding guests. They enable the couple to be blessed in both the Jewish and Christian traditions, and demonstrate the mutual respect that both families have for each other and for the backgrounds from which they come."

Obtaining a rabbi to participate in such a ceremony may not be easy. However, the couple is informed that, "it is worth the effort, though, for the results will likely be most satisfying."

What should be done about the religious education of children? The book suggests that by the time a child is old enough the parents should have decided whether he be committed to either Judaism or Christianity as a way of life. To send a child to two forms of religious instruction at the same time can create confusion and perhaps even lay the ground for neurosis in later life. "For this reason it cannot be bar mitzvah and Christian confirmation, it has to be one or the other."

What should be done with unhappy and unyielding parents who object to the interreligious marriage? "You will want to continue to love them and show them kindness and consideration. This does not mean that you will necessarily give in to their demands, but you should assure them as vigorously as you can that your marriage does not mean a rejection of them."

Two central chapters are entitled, "What a Christian Should Know About Judaism," and "What a Jew Should Know About Christianity." The information on Judaism is informative and helpful — with only a number of questionable statements. I was chagrined to learn that although Jews have been in the forefront of intellectual and cultural pursuits in both Western Europe and America, "it would nonetheless be wrong to think of all Jews as being particularly smart."

Christmas is of such great emotional meaning to Christians that a Jew who is unable to accept a Christmas celebration in his or her home, should abstain from an interreligious marriage.

The book contains a series of "living examples" of interreligious families who have transcended conventional barriers to find true meaning and fulfilment in their marriage.

Committed Jews will consider the entire thrust of this handbook extremely permissive and perhaps even conducive to intermarriage. Rabbi Rosenberg, who ministers to the Temple of Universal Judaism in New York City, and his two colleagues insist that their approach is descriptive and suggestive — not prescriptive.

A paramount question remains: Can Judaism survive the challenge of freedom as it has the recurrent challenges of adversity?

Depiction of Profumo affair

Scandal is sanitized but still sizzles

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

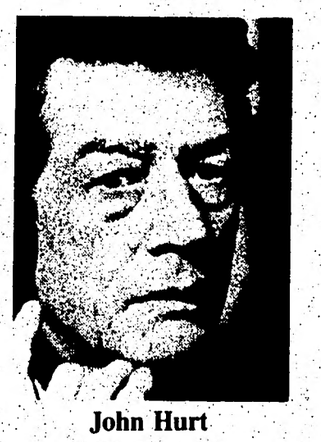
The 1963 Profumo affair rocked Britain as no scandal in memory.

It triggered the resignation of a cabinet minister and ultimately caused the downfall of the Conservative government led by Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

It was the quintessential sex scandal — a sordid tale of sexual misadventure which the yellow press seized upon with undisguised glee. Unfolding during a transitional phase in British history, between the end of the *Lady Chatterley* ban and the release of the first Beatles record, it enmeshed personalities from high society and low society alike in its oily grip.

The main figures were Christine Keeler, a lowly but pretty party-girl cum-prostitute; Stephen Ward, a decadent London osteopath who moved in rarefied circles and befriended Keeler, and Mandy Rice-Davies, a cabaret performer who, like Keeler, dabbled in the world's oldest profession. (After the scandal broke, Rice-Davies married an Israeli and, for a while, lived in Tel Aviv — a fact that goes unreported here.)

Keeler would have been consigned to the anonymity she deserved had it not been for the fact that she provided sexual favors to John Profumo, the minister of war, *and* Eugene Ivanov, the Soviet naval attache in London who may or may not have been a spy.



John Hurt

As a result of a series of mishaps and coincidences, Profumo's illicit affair with Keeler was unmasked, prompting his resignation and Ward's suicide.

In *Scandal*, Michael Caton-Jones brings the Profumo affair to the screen. Based on a screenplay by Michael Thomas, *Scandal* is a curiously sanitized, albeit sizzling, chronicle of those times.

Beyond a few bare breasts and a fleeting shot of a male posterior, *Scandal* is visually tame. It's erotic and not, as you might have imagined or hoped, obscene. You're tempted to think that Caton-Jones, in his effort not to be unduly sensational, went out of his way to lower the temperature of his film, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres.

If anyone dominates *Scandal*, it is surely John Hurt, cast in the role as Ward. Hurt reeks of decadence. His weary visage personifies dashed ideals and ignoble pursuits.

Joanne Whalley-Kilmer is convincing as the kittenish Keeler, while Bridget Fonda is deliciously effective as Rice-Davies.

Ian McKellen displays a proper stiff upper lip as Profumo. Britt Ekland, the almost-forgotten Swedish siren, puts in an appearance as a debauched party hostess.

***Scandal* is nothing more than an average, middle-of-the-road film. There is an abysmal lack of character development, and sometimes, the director takes too many liberties in assuming that the material is well known to an ordinary viewer.**

Be that as it may, it's interesting, if not arresting, after all is said and done.

No shortage of suspense and mystery

Fine acting marks Criminal Law

TORONTO —

Martin Campbell's thriller, *Criminal Law*, leads off with a quotation from the German philospher, Nietzsche:

"Whoever fights monsters should see to it that in the process he does not become a monster."

It's an apt phrase, considering the theme of this film.

Ben Chase (Gary Oldham) is a hotshot Boston lawyer who is basking in his most recent courtroom victory. By legal legerdemain, he has convinced a jury that his defendant, Martin Thiel (Kevin Bacon), is innocent of a brutal crime.

The police believe that Thiel is guilty, but they've been outfoxed by Chase. When Thiel gives Chase reason to reassess his view of him, Chase decides to exact a vigilante form of justice against his client.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Criminal Law* is not merely an action film. Through the persona of Chase, it poses a most relevant question: "Is law the dark shadow of justice?"

It's a conundrum worth pondering, for in *Criminal justice* a cynical, upwardly-mobile lawyer, namely Chase, manipulates the system to such an extent that it becomes something of a sham.

In the real world, law and justice don't necessarily converge. Take the most blatant case, Nazi Germany. Laws were enacted to disenfranchise, harass, humilate and destroy the Jewish community. But where was the justice?

Criminal Law, deftly written by Mark Kasdan, muddles through without such excesses. Yet its chief culprit, though smooth and intelligent, is a thoroughly nasty fellow, who, it should be said, exposes his true self very early on.

Where, then, is the suspense and the mystery? Surprisingly enough, there is no shortage of either. But some of the sound effects, designed to send chills up the spines of viewers, are rather hokey.

In general, the performers are fine.

Oldham, an up-and-coming British actor, manages a credible American accent. More important, he's convincing as a man who seeks revenge after having been tricked.

Bacon exudes an unflappablity and presence of mind that is relatively rare. He and Oldham work eminently well together.

Elizabeth Sheppard, as a gynecologist and Thiel's mother, exhibits a frosty remoteness that is in keeping with her role as a supposed baby killer.

Karen Young, who plays Chase's sensuous girlfriend, is spunky. Tess Harper, however, is miscast as a detective hot on the trail of the suspect.

— S.K.

Toronto artist Kaplan in 2nd generation show

WASHINGTON —

Work by a Toronto artist, Rochelle Rubinstein Kaplan, is among that featured in an exhibition titled *Continuing Witness* by 12 children of Holocaust survivors. It is being shown in the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in Washington until September.

"My work narrates scenes of oppression, betrayal, seduction, aggression, and society-endorsed violence," Kaplan said. "It also insists upon dignity, self-respect and even humor for its heroines and heroes.

"Both my parents grew up in Hungary, religious Jews of the middle class. Before World War II my mother was a dressmaker and my father ran a flour mill. During the war my mother was a prisoner in Auschwitz and my father worked in forced labor.

"Most of their relatives, including my father's first wife and two young sons, died in gas chambers."

She added: "Despite my parents' wish for me to be protected from their painful memories, I am haunted by the human capacity for cruelty."

Through the dynamics of the creative process these artists are coming to terms with their unique personal histories as children of survivors," said Karen Holtzman, guest curator.

The museum is located at 1640 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington. It is open Sunday-Friday, 10-5 p.m.

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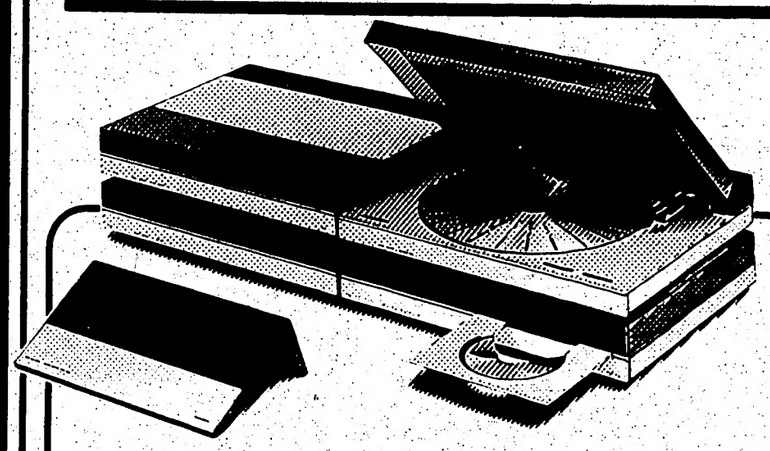

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Arts

Showbiz Mishmash

Du Maurier jazz festival stars creme de la creme

By
FRANK RASKY

It's probably the most famous story in the world of jazz.

A young reporter once asked Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong, who virtually fathered jazz as an art form, "Just exactly what is it?"

The hornplayer from New Orleans flashed his satchelmouth smile.

"Man, if you got to ask what it is," said Armstrong, "you never get to know."

Those who do know jazz recognize intuitively it's music felt in your bones. Because it's spontaneous improvised music, born in the Black bordellos of New Orleans, it's a bastard art form, as difficult to pin down as an orphan butterfly on the wing.

I like jazz because it's so diverse and elusive. Sometimes I find it maudlin or amusing, at other times beseeching or shrieking, or sighing and whispering. At its dirge-like bluest, it can be full of yearning and misery and pain. But more often it's music full of laughter, a spirit-lifting celebration of life.

Whitney Balliett, the **New Yorker Magazine** jazz critic, once defined it felicitously as "the sound of surprise." But **Village Voice** critic **Nat Hentoff** bettered him by describing it as "inventiveness brilliantly sustained by soloists who love adventuring into the unknown — tightrope walkers without a net."

Hentoff quotes one such musical trapeze artist as saying, "It's more important to me to try scaling a peak — even risk falling on my rump in public — than to play it safe. That's what jazz is all about."

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Torontonians will get to know better this month, the *creme de la creme* of jazzdom. From June 23 until July 3 you'll be able to attend du Maurier's annual **Downtown Jazz** wingding at a variety of venues around town.

With top tickets selling at $26.50, the headliners will range from the 65-year-old jazz singer **Sarah (The Divine Sassy) Vaughan** to the new queen of scat singers, the incomparable **Cleo Lane,** at Roy Thomson Hall (593-4828).

In between, with admission free at open-air sites the likes of Berczy Park on Front St., or costing a moderate $12 a ticket at the du Maurier Theatre Centre at Harbourfront (973-4000), be prepared to ...y a banquet offered by ... of Canada's best ja... ...ers.

I especially recommend the jazz pianists **Bernie Senensky, Harvie Swartz** and **Ted Moses;** guitarists **Sonny Greenwich** and **Ed Bickert;** singer **Bobbi Sherron;** vibesman **Hagood Hardy;** trumpeter **Guido Basso;** saxophonist **Jim Galloway; Harvey Seigel** and his **Fabulous Band;** and **Jim McHarg's Maple Leaf Jazz Band.**

To help you prepare for the feast ahead, I'd also like to recommend the following new books on jazz lore and jazz idols.

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Gary Giddins, the prize-winning author of the biography of bebop saxophonist **Charlie Parker** titled **Celebrating Bird,** deserves a handful of awards for **Satchmo** (Doubleday of Canada; 240 pages; $32.95). Illustrated with rare photos and wonderfully literate, it's the best biography of **Louis Armstrong** (1901-1971) I've ever read.

Giddins is most revealing about Armstrong's squalid childhood in New Orleans, "the bottom of the well, one step from hell." His mother was a laundress-prostitute from the Louisiana canefields, and his father a ne'er-do-well who abandoned them.

Giddins has uncovered a manuscript written in Armstrong's own words. It describes how Louis at 10 would tremble with fear when the poor white trash would get drunk, strap on their shotguns, and go "Nigger hunting." He lamented, "From then on, Lord have mercy on the poor darkie. When they found one, they would torture the darkie and laugh before shooting him down like a dog."

His salvation in this bleak slum was the **Karmofsky** family, Jewish Russian immigrants who collected rags, bones and scrap metal in a horse and wagon. "If it wasn't for these nice Jewish people, we would have starved many times," Armstrong recalled.

Cleo Lane

Louis Armstrong

Sarah Brightman

Joseph Kertes

Beth Anne Cole

Oscar Peterson

At the age of 7, he was offered his first job by the family's eldest son, **Morris Karmofsky**, "who liked the dickens outa me." Together they would peddle coal, at a nickel a bucket, to prostitutes standing in the doorways in the Storyville redlight honky-tonk district.

At night, **Mrs. Karmofsky** insisted that Louis have dinner with them, where he developed a lifelong taste for matzoh, and taught him to sing the "soft and sweet" Yiddish ballad, **Russian Lullabye.** "It was this kind Jewish family who instilled in me singing from the heart," he wrote.

He debunks the popular misconception of jazz historians that he obtained his first cornet at the orphanage known as the Colored Waif's Home for Boys. In fact, thanks to the warm encouragement of the Karmofskys, who loaned him the money, he was able to buy a $5 cornet from a pawn shop.

"I will love the Jewish people all of my life," he wrote. Indeed, the only white man he genuinely trusted was **Joe Glazer,** his Jewish manager and booker, who helped Satchmo win world renown as the most influential force in jazz.

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That powerhouse pianist, **Oscar Peterson,** the 63-year-old son of a Montreal CPR porter, is the first Canadian to have a major international impact in the world of jazz. He's the subject of a splendid biography by **Gene Lees,** the Hamilton-born former editor of **Down Beat Magazine,** which is titled **Oscar Peterson: The Will To Swing** (Lester & Orpen Dennys; 294 pages; $26.95).

I was particularly interested in reading of the Black Canadian's first encounter with racial prejudice while touring the U.S. Deep South in the 1940s.

"Once," recalled the first of three wives, **Lil,** "you had to play with a tire chain at your feet. That was to protect yourself in case anyone in the audience came over the footlights to attack you."

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For an in-depth history of jazz, I recommend **Gunther Schuller's** monumental new tome, **The Swing Era: The Development Of Jazz, 1930-1945** (Oxford University Press; 919 pages; $39.95). The scholarly Schuller is especially good in his chapter on **Benny Goodman,** who learned to play clarinet in a Chicago Orthodox synagogue, and as "The King of Swing" became the first bandleader who dared to integrate white and Black musicians.

The history of how Black gospel-based jazz was made respectable — and diluted — when transformed into white rock-'n'-roll is detailed entertainingly in **Nelson George's** sociological study, **The Death of Rhythm & Blues** (Random House of Canada; 223 pages; $26.75).

George, the Black-music editor of *Billboard Magazine,* credits the Jewish songwriting team of **Jerry Leiber** and **Mike Stoller** as being catalysts for the transformation. The New Yorkers had "Black girlfriends and were into a Black Harlem lifestyle" when inspired to write **Elvis Presley's** rhythm and blues theme song, **Hound Dog.**

When that white-christened "rock song" created a sensation, Presley said with amusement, "The colored folk been singing it and playing it just the way I'm doin' now, man, for more years than I know. Nobody paid it no mind till I goosed it up."

Finally, for a lively examination of trends in the pop music biz, I recommend **20 Years Of Rolling Stone: What a Long, Strange Trip It's Been,** edited by the magazine's former publisher, **Jann S. Wenner** (Firefly Books; 463 pages; $35).

Evidently things have come to a full circle, for the current trend appears to be the tendency of an increasing number of young people to abandon rock and return to classic jazz. **Bob Dylan,** the Jewish folk singer turned rocker, expresses the disenchantment this way:

"There is no more rock-'n'-roll. We can forget about that, Rock-'n'-roll has turned itself inside out. Rock-'n'-roll ended with **Little Anthony** and the **Imperials.**"

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A tip of my hat goes to Toronto's Jewish novelist **Joseph Kertes,** winner of the 1989 Stephen Leacock Humor Award for his uproarious first novel, **Winter Tulips** (Doubleday of Canada; 275 pages; $22.95). It's a rollicking tale about a nice Jewish boy finding happiness with a nice Greek girl — in spite of their families.

Mazel tov to **Sarah Brightman,** star of the London production of **Andrew Lloyd Webber's** *Phantom of the Opera, Cats, Requiem* and **Song And Dance,** who will also star in the theatrical concert, *The Music Of Andrew Lloyd Webber,* that **Garth Drabinsky's** Cineplex Odeon will present July 4 to 8 at the O'Keefe Centre.

And congratulations to Jewish chantootsy, Toronto's **Beth Anne Cole,** who'll star in her 1-woman show, *Me, Myself And Music,* running July 26 to Aug. 5 at this summer's 40th anniversary season of the Red Barn Theatre in Jackson's Point, Ont. (416-722-3249).

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I bow out with this exit line from New York jazz impresario **Eddie Condon,** denouncing the chutzpah of French jazz critic **Hugues Panassie,** for appraising the quality of U.S. *le jazz hot:* "Who is he to tell us about jazz? We don't tell Frenchmen how to jump on a grape!"

BC Jewish Festival of Arts Society sponsors contest

VANCOUVER —

A one in eight chance of winning exciting art pieces by leading BC artists or season tickets for two to top cultural and entertainment events is being offered in the second Arts-for-a-Year-Lottery by the Jewish Festival of the Arts Society.

Only 200 tickets at $100 each will be sold. Two prizes will be drawn each month for an entire year, beginning Aug. 3, at which time an additional bonus prize of a Patrick Amiot sculpture will also be drawn.

Art from the following artists is included among the lottery prizes: Diana Coop, Janis Diner, Jamie Evrard, Monique Fouquet, Lori Goldberg, Pnina Granirer, Erich Grill, Carolyn Kramer, Marty Levenson, Roz Marshall, David New-Small, Sharon Norman, Pat O'Hara, Heinz Seelig, Jack Shadbolt, Gordon Smith, Gertrude Zack, Eva Zbar and Mala Zilberman.

Also to be drawn are season tickets for two to the Arts Club Theatre, Vancouver Opera, Vancouver Recital Society, Vancouver Symphony and Vancouver International Film Festival. Tickets may be obtained by phoning the JFAS office, 266-0245.

The Jewish Festival of the Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to the presentation, preservation and encouragement of Jewish culture and heritage through the arts. Revenue from the Lottery helps to mount exhibits, present a wide range of activities including films, concerts, lectures, historical tours, theatre performances and maintain a resource library of Jewish art and culture.

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Witness to an Era at Leah Posluns Theatre

Rubinger's photographs provide poignant insights

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A family huddles in a tin hut in a "maabara" transit camp in 1954. Philosopher Martin Buber resembles the quintessential wizened old man at home in Jerusalem. Children get ready for bed in a bomb shelter in 1970. Grizzled-looking Jews from Georgia, USSR, arrive in Israel in 1972.

The photographs of David Rubinger can bring tears of both of pride and sorrow to one's eyes.

Rubinger has been a witness to an entire era in Israel. As one of the world's foremost photojournalists, he has had the privilege to see history in the making, has gained access to the private lives of Israel's most elite inner circle and recorded it all faithfully on film.

Rubinger's has been the dream job — covering virtually every history-making event as Time/Life's principal photographer in Israel since 1954. In the course of his work, he's captured all the great personages in various poses of exhilaration or despondency: Ben-Gurion, Eshkol, Meir, Dayan, Sadat and Menachem Begin adjusting his wife's shoe.

A favorite theme is recording the first few hours in the Promised Land of dazed immigrants from around the world: Morocco, Iraq, Yemen and the Soviet Union.

But Rubinger doesn't shy away from the dark side: He's photographed all of Israel's wars and terror targets since the Sinai Campaign, and has captured the essence of a nation that eschews spit-and-polish but can defend itself against seemingly insurmontable odds.

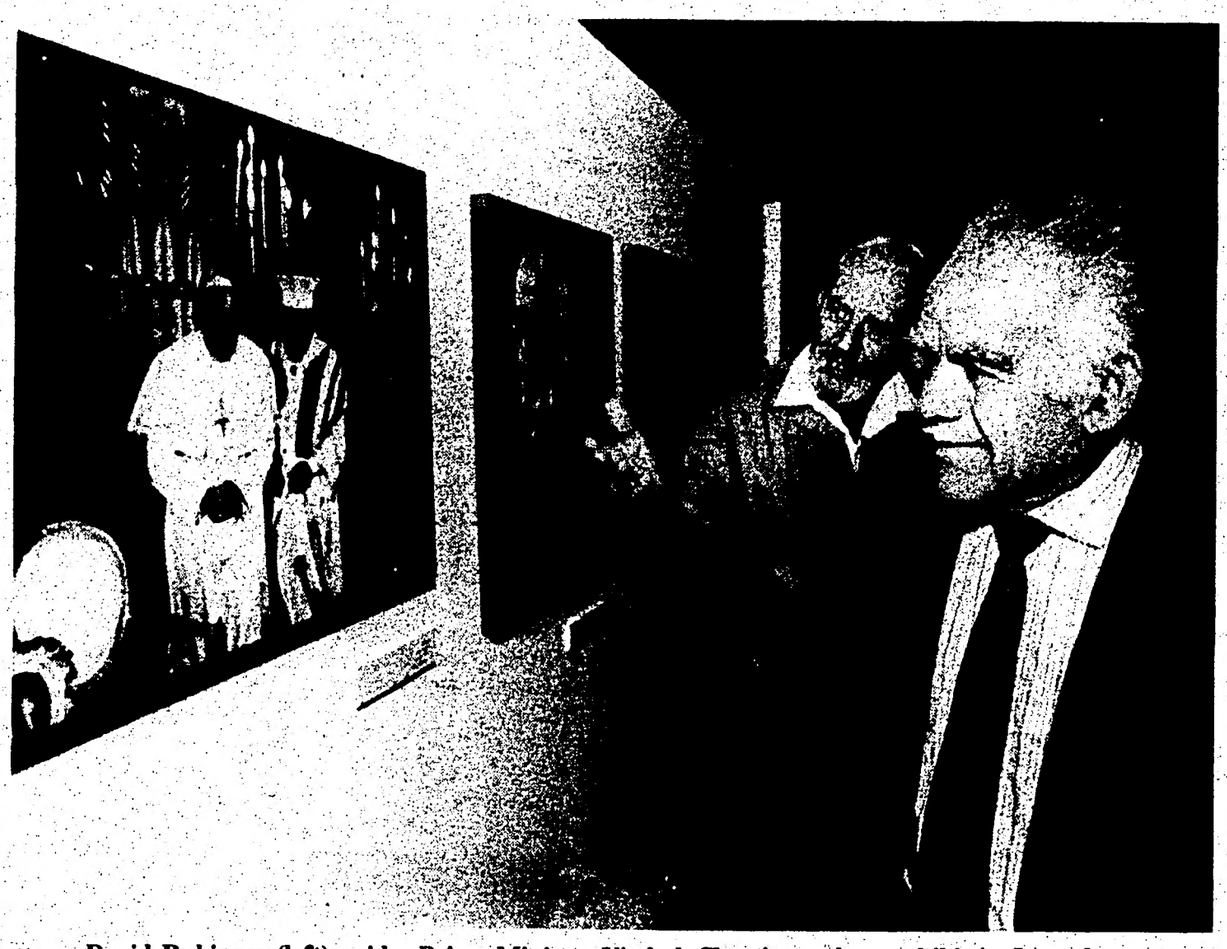
Thus, a showing of 80 or so of Rubinger's best photographs, which opened this week in the lobby of the Leah Posluns Theatre, is appropriately titled Witness to an Era, and shouldn't be missed. The display closes June 11 and will be closed June 9 for Shavuoth.

Mounted to form part of Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations, the black-and-white photos provide a valuable and poignant insight into Israel and her chequered people.

"The exhibit is a selection, alas a painful one, of the photographs I like best," Rubinger says. "To take pictures is to feel. Sometimes, you shoot what you witness with pride; at other times, it is with great pain."

Born in Vienna in 1924, Rubinger came to Palestine in 1937 and became interested in photography while serving in the Jewish Brigade during World War II. Returning to civilian life, he began freelancing for Haolam-Hazeh Magazine and a short time later, began his long stint with Time/Life.

Rubinger's work is at once sentimental and purely journalistic. He lovingly records the faces of ultra-Orthodox Jews one moment, then snaps police on horseback chasing the zealots away from an archeological dig they were trying to disrupt. Many will remember his signature photograph of three awed young soldiers standing in front of the Western Wall just after the IDF captured the Old City in 1967.



David Rubinger (left) guides Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at photo exhibit in Jerusalem.

The display is being held under the patronage of Israeli Consul-General Benjamin Abileah and his wife, Ruth, the Koffler Gallery, the Leah Posluns Theatre and Toronto Jewish Congress. It is sponsored by the Minden Family Foundation.

For further information, call 636-2145.

Books underscore Judaism's intellectual fascination

By
DAVID BIRKAN

The intellectual fascination of Judaism is underscored in three books newly published by Jason Aronson, Inc.

Various aspects of the Revelation on Mount Sinai are discussed by 38 leading North American scholars in *The Condition of Jewish Belief* (U.S. $25). First compiled by Commentary Magazine 25 years ago in response to the general media's God is dead pronouncement, the book represents a breathtaking variety of religious subtleties. It offers many lessons for our times, which for many continue to be overshadowed by that pronouncement.

Immanuel Jakobovitz, Chief Rabbi of Britain, states:

• The Torah was indeed directly revealed by God to Moses, and that all its commandments are equally binding.

• The Jews were and are the chosen people, that is, bound by covenant to God to represent His will among the nations of the world. This does not mean that the Jews are superior to other peoples, Jakobovitz emphasizes, but that their role differs from those of others.

• The Covenant and its demands over the millenia are among the things that make Judaism the only true religion.

Emil Fackenheim, a longtime professor of religious studies at the University of Toronto and now living in Israel, says:

• Moses as a human being could not have understood and communicated the total and exact nature of the Revelation, and therefore, among other things, not all its commandments are equally binding.

• Jews have been singled out by God for a religious mission. In submitting to such "particularism," they will have ultimately more influence on the belief and actions of others than they would through espousing strictly universal goals.

W. Gunther Plaut, Holy Blossom Temple's senior scholar, says that:

• "Revelation is not a single act but a process, a series of events culminating in the supreme experience of knowing . . . Torah and Prophets are records of Israel's interpretations of Divine encounters."

• Israel is a chosen people, but one whose "unique way of serving God is open to all who would join in."

The compilation's writing styles reflect its participants, from the clear to the overly academic. There is no index, a fault which perhaps is not that serious in a book based on each participant's response to given questions.

The psychological insights and sophistication of the chassidic rabbis are among the points demonstrated in Howard Polsky and Yaella Wozner's *Everyday Miracles: The Healing Wisdom of Hasidic Stories* **(U.S. $40).**

In one story, the Lubliner Rebbe told a bedeviled disciple to rid himself of melancholy, which is "more pernicious than sin. When the evil one rouses men to lust, it is not his intention to make them sin, but to draw them through sin into the pit of melancholy."

Such melancholy will demand more and more sinning for its belief, comment the authors, a situation much like drug addiction. Melancholy's role in the destruction of the personality, in physical debilitation, and in the facilitation of fatal diseases is now becoming increasingly explored by medical science.

Everyday Miracles is a multi-faceted work: a combination self-help book, treasury of positive thinking, compendium of psychological insights, comprehensive story anthology, and subtle religious tract. It's almost a library in itself.

The clearly written and laid out book includes a bibliography as well as glossary and extensive index.

Evelyn Garfield's *Service of the Heart* **(U.S. $25) is back to introduce a new generation to the structure and beauty of the Siddur. It was first published in 1958.**

This new edition, cloaked in a flyleaf reproduction of 19th century painter Maurycy Gottlieb's Jews At Prayer on the Day of Atonement, is sturdy and well bound.

A new foreword recalls non-Jewish scholar George Biddle's comment on the siddur after he examined the leading liturgies of the world: "Certainly the Jew has cause to thank God, and the fathers before him, for the noblest liturgy the annals of faith can show."

A number of guides to Jewish prayer have been published in English over the past 30 years, including elaborately annotated siddurs. For a basic well-written introduction, Garfield's remains the recommended book.

The author died two years ago at age 87. The republication of her book is an implicit tribute to its value and to her.

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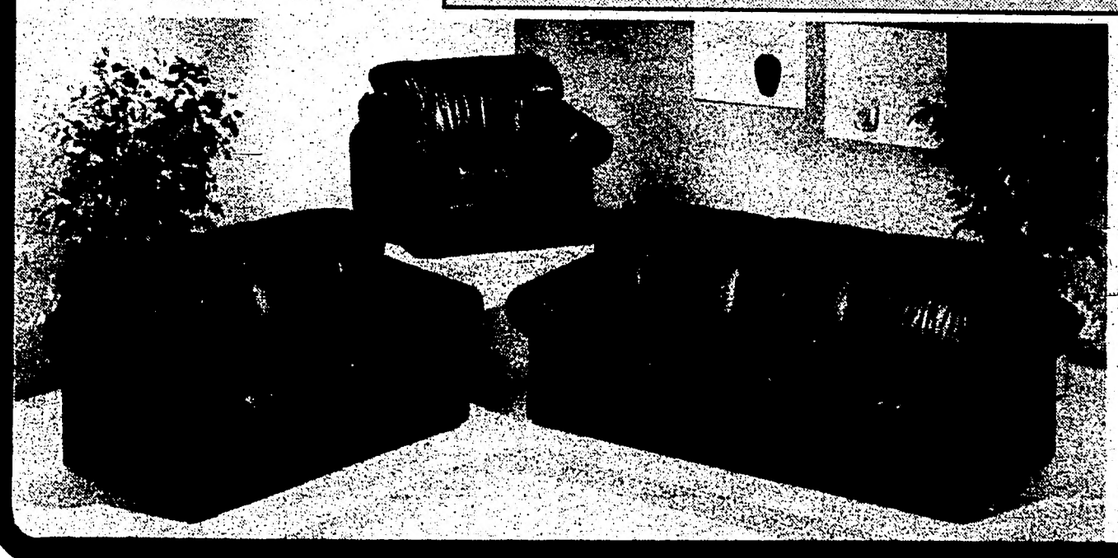

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Arts

Comedies rated: a laugher, a chuckler and a yawner

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Three comedy shows are currently on view around town, trying to elicit your ha-ha-has and ho-ho-hos.

Here's how I rate them: One is a bellylaugher, one is a chuckler, and one is a yawner.

Following are my reviews, beginning at the top with the laugh riot and then proceeding down.

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You've undoubtedly heard of the word, tomfoolery.

Well, after enjoying Geoff Hoyle's hilarious 1-man history of humor, *The Fool Show* (playing until June 11 at the Bayview Playhouse, 481-6191), I herewith suggest that the word ought to be changed to geoffoolery.

Hoyle is a brilliant, British-born actor of 43, who studied mime and circus clowning in Paris, and has since perfected the art of pratfall and all-around buffoonery in San Francisco.

His 2-hour show gets off to a sluggish start with a lecture on the primal folk fool and court jester, progressing through the ages to the *commedia dell' arte* of the 16th century. True, it was enlightening to learn that the fool's prop salami gradually developed into a literal slapstick made of wood. Yet I felt this preface was too precious and academic and ought to be cut.

Happily, though, Hoyle then had me convulsed with sustained laughter as a result of his rib-tickling characterizations.

His funniest portrayals include a Harlequin feasting on a fly (separating the white and dark meat as daintily as Charlie Chaplin carving a boiled shoe in *The Gold Rush*); two extremist waiters, one a supercilious sourpuss, the other an amiable shlemiel, who's a sort of walking soup stain; a pickle-nosed clown whose clumsy hands seem uncannily flypapered to a chair; a nebbishy Englishman struggling to tell a long-winded joke and forgetting the punchline (who somehow reminded me of the late Robert Benchley in his famous treasurer's report sketch, lisping his speech with an Oxford accent); and a climactic tour de force howler in which a 3-legged man does the tango, like a jolly dancing tripod.

It's an artful gallery of geoffoolery, which you shouldn't miss.

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A woman seated at a table beside me came up with a perfect definition of *Weekend Comedy* (running until June 11 at the Stage West Dinner Theatre, 5400 Dixie Rd., 238-0042).

"You know why I like this light comedy?" she said to her companion. "It's like chewing after-dinner mints or Tums. Helps me digest nicely the terrific buffet dinner they serve you here."

Right on. She might have added that it's as painless and comforting as watching your favorite TV sitcom.

Indeed, the star of the show is that veteran comic pro, Jamie Farr, who for 10 years played Corporal Max Klinger masquerading as a woman in TV's *M*A*S*H* series.

It's a fluffy farce by a California husband-and-wife writing team, who have the Stage West formula down pat. The co-authors are Jeanne and Sam Bobrick (Sam being best known for the slightly naughty gags he concocted for *Wally's Cafe* and *Norman, Is That You?*).

In this case, the somewhat risque lines are uttered by two couples — one pair in their 50s, the other in their 20s — who by mistake rent the same tourist cabin in the wilderness for the same long holiday weekend. How they manage to bridge the generation gap provides an evening of low-key giggles and chuckles.

Most of the humor is generated by Farr in his role as the cranky, domineering, self-satisfied husband for the past 23 years of his long-suffering but resigned spouse (played by Canadian film actress Linda Goranson). A sample 1-liner is his answer to the yuppie live-in lover (Marianna Pascal) who sighs of her sexual bliss with her boyfriend (Derek Boyes): "I believe every couple should have a love life full of surprises."

Farr growls indignantly: "Yeah, but you two have a relationship. *We* have a respectable marriage."

As I say, it's wholesomely chucklesome.

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New York playwright Christopher Durang is a blow-hot, blow-cold comedy writer.

I laughed uproariously four years ago when I saw a local amateur group's production of *Beyond Therapy*, Durang's farce lampooning psychiatrists and their patients.

But I did *not* laugh wildly at his latest comedy caper, *Laughing Wild* (running until June 25 at the Tarragon Theatre, 30 Bridgman Ave., 531-1827).

In fact, I didn't laugh at all.

I just sat there staring stoney-eyed and bored out of my skull at this mirthless pastiche about the highly neurotic New Yorkers. (Or is that adjective perhaps redundant?)

First, we are subjected to a 40-minute monologue by an hysterical young woman (played by Canadian actress Marianne Copithorne) who admits she has been in and out of the state loony bin.

Speaking a mile a minute at the top of her lungs, punctuating her tirade with a mad cackling laugh, she spews an aria of hate directed mostly at media celebrities. They include Mother Teresa and sex guru Dr. Ruth Westheimer (whom she'd like to see in a gladiator's contest, both tossed to the lions after she has given both a thumbs-down verdict.

She also hates Sally Jessy Raphael, the hostess of a Manhattan audience participation talk show (whom she blithely would like to kill with a shotgun).

But the chief target of her venom is a young man, who stood in her way that morning when she wanted to buy a can of tuna at the supermarket. "So I bopped him on the head and screamed," she says, adding as an understatment, "that seems to have startled him."

We are then subjected to a 40-minute monologue by a young man (Larry Lachimec), who — you guessed it — is the same young man she bopped on the head.

He turns out to be an uptight homosexual magazine writer, who confides he comes from a family of marginal schizophrenics, and tries to relieve his tensions by taking an est-type, positive-thinking program of breathing deeply and humming "Om."

The targets of *his* diatribe include Chernobyl, nuclear waste, and especially God. He rants that God has always disliked homosexuals ("except Noel Coward, who's considered droll") and has decided to wipe out all gays via AIDS.

The monologues of both kooks was as tedious as listening to a bore relate in detail his last therapy session with a shrink. I thought to myself finally, "Why am I sitting here listening to these loonies? In real life, I'd go out of my way to *avoid* them."

Three-legged jester Geoff Hoyle dances a tango in hilarious, 1-man The Fool Show.

So, at the end of the 1st act, I made my decision. The homosexual was doing his breathing exercises, muttering "In and out. In and out," and asked the audience, "Isn't this monotonous?"

I agreed that the comedy was a scream — screamingly inane, that is — and I walked out.

Folk Choir provides soulful performance

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir had an ideal audience at a recent recital held at the Wagman Centre, Baycrest Terrace. Nearly all of the 150 residents from the Baycrest Terrace who filled the auditorium were Yiddish-speaking.

Indeed, the lyrics of numbers like *Yiddish iz Main Lied* (Yiddish is my song), the choir's theme song and a lyrical tribute to the Yiddish language itself, recalled actual experiences for many of the audience.

The choir, under the direction of Voltr Ivonoffski, with accompanist Lina Zemelman, also performed a few Hebrew songs, notably *Havenu Shalom Aleichem* and *Hava Negila* which added a distinct Israeli buoyancy to the recital.

But it was the Yiddish songs, evoking the life of the ordinary Eastern European Jew, which set the soulful mood of the recital. In fact, a cycle of songs with lyrics by the folk composer, Mordechai Gebirtig, himself a victim of the Holocaust, was a musical memorial to Jewish life which would soon be destroyed by the Nazis.

A few of Gebirtig's songs like the autobiographical *Der Zinger fun Noit* (The Night Singer), where the author wonders why he is forced to sing for the wealthy when his heart is for the poor who are being stalked by the angel of death, is an eerie premonition of the Holocaust.

Kinder Yorn (Childhood), on the other hand, takes us back to the poet's early years when he recalls his earliest memories and his regret at aging.

Soprano soloist Ursula Ivonoffski gave *Hei Tzigelech* (Hey, little goats), a tenderness that touched the audience. She also provided the solo for Yankele, a humorous lullaby.

Michael Mandel joined Ivonoffski in *Reizele*, another tender lovesong about a young man who courts his sweetheart from a narrow street below her window.

Mandel was also the soloist for Motl, a song about a young man's unhappy experiences in cheder (religious school). His rendition of *Es Brent*, (Our Town is Burning) was another song with lyrics by Gebirtig, which prophesied the coming holocaust in 1938.

Violist Kenji Fuse, a student at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music, provided the viola solo to *My Komash Malon* (What Does it Tell Us). With text by Yiddish poet, Avram Reizen, the song was set to music by Toronto composer Srul Glick.

The concert concluded with an excerpt from the operetta *Sholem Aleichem dir, Amerika*! (Hello America). Based on the Sholem Aleichem novel, *Motl Peisi Dem Chazan's* (Motle, Peisi the Cantor's Son), the operetta is about the trans-Atlantic voyage of Motl and his family to America.

The work, written by Maurice Rauch, marks the 75th anniversary of the great Yiddish humorist Sholem Aleichem's arrival in North America in 1914.

Announcer for the recital was Michelle Iseman.

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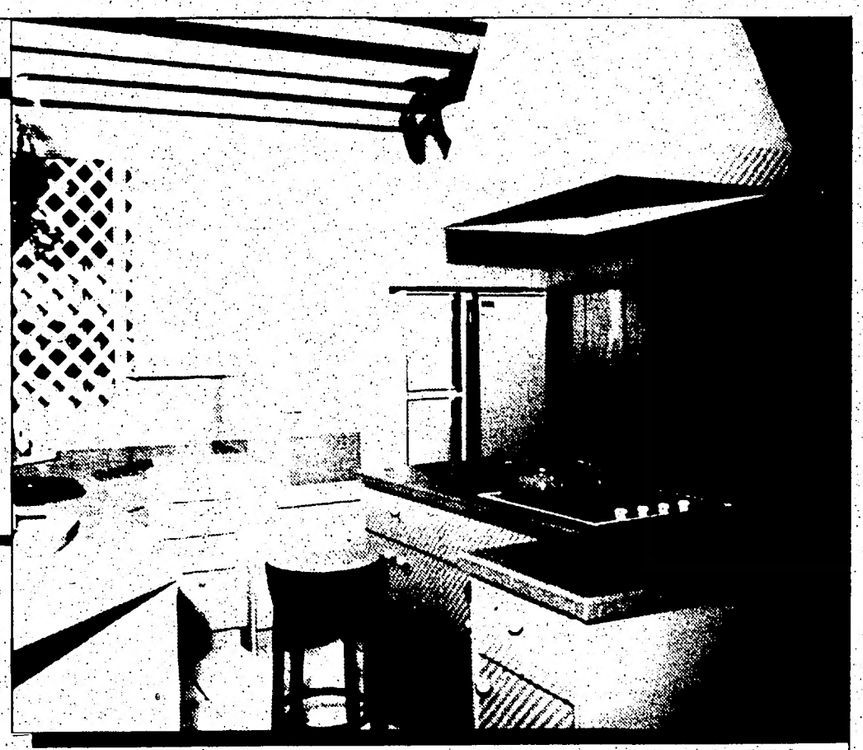

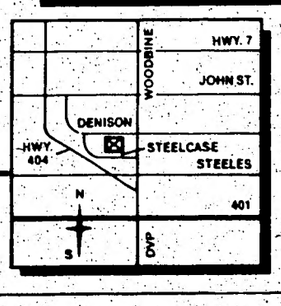

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Majestic medley by "queen of Israeli song"

Shoshana Damari thrills Beit Halochem Canada event

By
ED FEUER

TORONTO —

Shoshana Damari, the "queen of Israeli song," thrilled hundreds who turned out to hear her at the Beit Halochem Canada Jerusalem Chapter's celebration of Israel's 41st year of independence and tribute to its disabled veterans.

Damari's voice displays remarkable power and range 40 years after she began her singing career and she was well appreciated by the multi-generation audience at the Sheraton Centre for the second such event staged by Beit Halochem Canada.

Her performance sounded as pleasing as records from the 50s and 60s. Her rich voice is evocative in pleasing melodies sung alone or accompanied only by piano or drum. She provided a mixture of old and new songs in her haunting Yemenite style which conjured up images of the wonders of the east.

Damari's majestic medley featured songs ranging from the War of Independence up to the present including *Bab-el-Wad, Adayin Caan, Im Ninaalu, Kelaniot, Rachel Rachel, Or, Tzaarich L'tzaltzel Paami* and *Habayta.*

Her melodies have been for many the soul and spirit of her country and for this reviewer, are like the gentle scent of orange blossoms on a warm evening. Her stylings certainly summoned wistful memories of another time and of another place for her largely Hebrew-speaking audience.

Also performing was Israeli singer Boaz Sharabi, whose unique voice combines east and west. His songs come from the heart in material ranging from *Halevai* to *Tni Li Yad* to *Etzli Hakol Beseder.* As well, he demonstrated diverse talents both on the chalil (recorder) and on the drums in accompanying Damari.

Beit Halochem — the Israel Defence Forces Disabled Veterans Organization — provides medical treatment and rehabilitation for disabled soldiers. Organizers say proceeds from the evening will be used to help equip the physiotherapy ward of the new Beit Halochem rehabilitation centre to be built soon in Jerusalem.

Shoshana Damari performs at Beit Halochem dinner-dance. [Ed Feuer photo]

Beit Halochem Canada president Shayla Gottlieb spoke of her organization's goals. She said Beit Halochem helps disabled soldiers overcome limitations and live a full and complete life. In this regard, a group of such veterans on a 2-week visit sent by Beit Halochem and sponsored by various synagogues also attended the program.

Violinist Moshe Hammer accompanied Ehud Menipaz in a moving reading in English and Hebrew of The Silver Platter, a poem by Natan Alterman. The poet says the price paid by Israel's soldiers is the platter on which the State of Israel is given to the Jewish people.

Beit Halochem was described as "a good cause and a most appropriate cause" by Consul-General Benjamin Abileah. "We grieve for those who fell but we have a lifelong duty to those who remain with us and sacrificed of their soul and limb. And that is an obligation we have for all of their lives and for all of our lives," he said.

"Together with them we celebrate the wonderful things of Israel, a free Israel, a strong Israel . . . able to cope with even the greatest challenges."

Yaron Waxman acted as master of ceremonies and Yisrael Feder said Hamotzi. There was dancing to the music of Joe and the Starsband.

Organizers of the event were Jerusalem Chapter president Yael Elnekave, Chana Baratz, Sarah Cogan, Hanna Erez, Michal Kohn, Ayala Keren, Esti Menipaz, Irit Nayot, Sarah Shur and Ali Walter.

Textile artist's Torah mantles

Gentles' creations popular

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Textile artist Temma Gentles, who is drawn to the intimacy and intensity of religious motifs and ceremonies and to the people for whom these have meaning, recently completed three original Torah mantles for the Beth Haminyan Congregation that meets at Cedarvale Community School. The synagogue recently celebrated its 15th anniversary.

The Torah mantles were commissioned by Bunny and Ben-Zion Shapiro, Ros and Allan Freedman, and Karen and Phillip Ladovsky to honor each of their parents. For the three new mantles, Gentles appliqued with many rich fabrics harmonizing in color with Rochelle Kaplan's pirochet.

Gentles selected a text pertaining to the theme of parents and children with an amulet shape prominent on each of the mantles. The amulet theme, says Gentles, was inspired while she was in Israel.

"One congregation in Mea Shearim had a row of amulets along the window frames. Each commemorated the birth of a first child — signifying the growth and strength of the congregation."

The well known Canadian artist, who developed and coordinated the Succah project of the Pomegranate Guild of Toronto, says she likes large spaces of contemporary architecture, "particularly where there is an interesting play of light and shadow."

Combining a large repertoire of techniques with her strong academic background, she responds to the diverse challenges and commissions through thorough research and analysis. She explains that this culminates in a basic design concept.

The next step is selecting the materials and techniques. "I believe strongly in the integrity of materials and the integration of all elements in a work," says Gentles who received a Bachelor of education and a Master of arts (English and Russian) degree at the University of Toronto and Associate of the Ontario College of Art, with concentration in design and multi-media print.

Over the past two decades, Gentles, who teaches art and English part-time at Jarvis Collegiate, has received numerous awards includings, citations of excellence in off-loom techniques from the Toronto Spinners and Weavers, Awards of Merit from the Ontario Crafts Council, and an Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects for her Temple Emanu-El Wedding Canopy.

Her works have been commissioned by synagogues and temples throughout North America, corporate buildings, private collectors and museums including the Israel Museum in Jerusalem and the Jewish Museum in New York.

Gentles says that curiosity led her to explore a number of areas of textile fabrication — weaving, off-loom fibre structures, felting, silk screen, dye painting and applique.

"I believe strongly in the integrity of materials and the integration of all elements in a work — and finally, the great pleasure of actually making the piece."

Beth Haminyan Torah Mantle by Temma Gentles. [Harold Duke photo]

Chaplin fought anti-semitism, says U of T prof

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —

Charlie Chaplin was not Jewish although his work helped fight anti-semitism, says Ivan Kalmar, associate professor of Anthropology at the University of Toronto.

Kalmar recently attended the International Colloquim Charles Chaplin — Centenary Celebration of the Birth of Charlie Chaplin, at the Sorbonne in Paris. He addressed the conference on the subject, The Great Dictator: Chaplin, the Little Jew.

The Great Dictator was Chaplin's first "talkie" movie and an epic from 1940 in which he played both the role of Hitler and the role of a poor Jewish barber.

Kalmar, who is also a board director of the McLuhan Program in Culture and Technology, said the film shows love can overcome hatred.

In the movie, the little Jew gets mistaken for Hitler, and gets to make a pro-democracy and brotherly love speech before a crowd of stormtroopers thereby preventing war.

"Chaplin himself would sometimes say he was Jewish, but he wasn't; he was very fair and against anti-semitism," said Kalmar, who doubles as graduate coordinator for the department of anthropology.

"Chaplin should be nominated for a Righteous Gentile award, because of his film and the way he spoke out against anti-semitism," he said.

The conference also included the presentation of the French Legion of Honour to Chaplin, which was accepted by his daughter Geraldine.

The ceremonies, supported by such European dignitaries as French politician Simone Veil (a Jewish Holocaust survivor), featured guests from around the world, including Canada, Israel, the United States, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Italy, South Africa, Portugal, Spain, West Germany and the USSR.

Kalmar was invited to speak, in part because of his research on popular culture, including a soon-to-be-published book on assimilated Jews called The Rothschilds, Freud and Woody Allen: The Intellectual Culture and History of the non-Jewish Jew.

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Travel

Remains of mammoths and dwarf elephants

Malta offers guests sun, sand, history

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

VALLETTA, Malta —
Canadians are still a rarity on this rocky, sunny Mediterranean island. It is well known to British, Scandinavian and other northern European visitors who flock here in summer to soak up the sun.

Relaxation is what visitors come here for. No one seems in a hurry, neither visitors nor citizens of this 5-island archipelago. Even the crowds, which are almost always present on Republic St., the main roadway in the capital Valletta, where automobiles are not permitted, saunter past the numerous shops, banks, historic landmarks and inviting pastry shops.

With the exception of Republic St. you will find, as this travel reporter did, no crowds on Malta and Gozo, the two main islands. Tourism is now the main industry, surpassing the business being developed in the former British naval dockyards.

Malta has a long history of occupation, but it has been an independent state since 1964. In 1974 Malta became a republic within the British Commonwealth, with its own president. The occupation history dates back to the Phoenicians who established a trading post in 850 BCE.

Then came the Carthaginians and in 218 BCE the Romans. There followed the Arabs who left an imprint in the local language, then the French, and the various Christian religious orders. British rule began about 1800.

During World War II the Maltese were heavily bombed by the Germans, and subsequently rewarded with the George Cross by King Geroge VI. The George Cross is part of the republic's flag.

History is one of the attractions for visitors to Malta. Tours are to many historic sites, fortifications built in earlier occupation periods, numerous ornate churches built by religious orders.

The National Art Museum and the vast rooms of the Grandmasters' Palace of the Knights of St. John are filled with armor and weapons of the 15th to 17th centuries and paintings by Maltese artists of long ago.

It is only in this century that ruins of prehistoric people have been accidentally found in various parts of Malta and Gozo. Tours are now arranged to underground temples at Paola where oracles like the Greek Delphic Oracle interpreted dreams some 5,000 years ago.

Nearby at Rabat are the Tarxian Neolithic and Bronze Age temples above ground. On the island of Gozo are more such prehistoric religious edifices consisting of huge slabs of stone laid together to form circular rooms without the use of mortar. These are near the village of Xaghra and known as the Ggantija Temples.

There are also a number of caves on both Gozo and Malta. In one of these caves near the village of Birzebbuga on the south coast of Malta remains of mammoths and dwarf elephants have been discovered. There is a small museum of animal skeletons found in this cave.

But it is not the sightseeing that brings visitors to Malta. Rather it is the sun and warm weather, the sandy beaches at the northern end of Malta and clear waters all along the coast of the main islands. Most hotels, both the luxury and inexpensive ones, are around the bays on both Malta and Gozo.

There is frequent ferry service between Malta and Gozo, a 3-mile (5-kilometre) distance done in about 20 minutes on car ferries that can aso handle some 500 passengers.

Enroute you pass the small island of Comino, which has a few farm families and a summer resort. You can take tour boats from Malta to see the blue grottos off Comino which have been cut through the limestone cliffs by the waters through the centuries.

Along Malta's rocky coast are small fishing villages. One of the most colorful this reporter saw was Marsaxlokk on the southeast coast, with gaily colored high-prow fishing boats at anchor and bright yellow buildings along the shore.

There have been Jews on Malta since Roman times, but most disappeared after the expulsions in the 15th century. Only a few families have survived today and there are no official synagogues for Jewish visitors to attend.

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The Kibbutz Hotel also offers horseback riding tours of the countryside and riding lessons, as well as nature hikes to observe the tranquil flora and fauna. The colorful and quaint artists' colony of Ein Hod and many small Druze villages await and beckon visitors.

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U.S. death estate taxes affect Canadian holdings

Tax News

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The cost of dying has gone up considerably in the United States as a result of the recent passage of the Technical & Miscellaneous Revenue Act (TAMRA) of 1988, which includes a significant increase in the rates of U.S. estate taxes for non-resident alien persons. Accordingly, Canadians could now be faced with unexpected substantial U.S. estate taxes upon death.

Estate taxes have been eliminated in Canada and all provinces for a number of years. The principal death-related tax consequences in Canada flow from any capital gains or losses resulting from the deemed disposition rules. Accordingly, only an increase in the value of an asset at the date of death, compared to its cost, could trigger tax. This deemed gain may be eligible for the capital gains deduction.

The U.S. estate tax is based on the absolute value (as opposed to the increase in value) of certain U.S. property, including American real estate held by Canadian individuals, as well as shares in U.S. corporations and debts of U.S. persons or government. American bank deposits are generally exempt from U.S. estate taxes. For many Canadians, the most serious consequences of this estate tax may stem from owning U.S. vacation property, such as a Florida condominium.

Generally, liabilities such as mortgages would be deducted in arriving at the taxable estate. The tax is levied on the taxable estate value at graduated rates from 18% to over 50%, which represents a substantial increase over the previous rates.

An exemption is provided for up to $60,000 of estate value. By way of example, a taxable estate of $250,000 would now attract estate tax of almost $60,000.

Normally, foreign taxes paid are creditable against Canadian tax. Unfortunately, estate taxes do not qualify for such treatment. Furthermore, the Canada-U.S. Tax Treaty does not provide any additional relief.

This tax poses some very important questions for Canadians presently owning or contemplating the purchase of U.S. property. Specifically, can this tax be avoided or minimized? Other than perhaps by not dying, the (almost) simple solution is to hold the property in a Canadian corporation.

In the case of a Canadian individual purchasing a U.S. property, a Canadian corporation could be used to acquire title to the property. However, if the property is already owned by an individual, the process is more complicated. The property could be transferred to a Canadian company.

Normally this transfer would take place at current market value, likely triggering a gain for both Canadian and U.S. income-tax purposes. From a Canadian perspective, the gain could be deferred by use of an appropriate "rollover" provision, or possibly exempted through use of the capital gains deduction.

In the U.S. such a transfer would normally be taxable to the extent of any increase in the value of the property. A mechanism exists to allow a similar U.S. "rollover" to a Canadian corporation. However, this Canadian corporation must maintain a "permanent establishment" in the U.S. as defined in the Canada-U.S. Tax Treaty. This latter test may be difficult to meet.

The above reflects the complexities of dealing with this issue. In cases where the value of the property has not greatly appreciated since acquisition, a transfer to a Canadian corporation at fair market value should not trigger any significant gain or tax, and should ensure that U.S. estate taxes will not be payable on death.

To complicate matters further, Revenue Canada could attempt to include a taxable benefit in the shareholder's personal income for the personal use of the property. Revenue Canada has stated that such action would not be taken if certain requirements are adhered to: principally, that the only transactions of the corporation relate to the specific property and that all operating expenses of the property are charged to the shareholder.

Even this course of action cannot fully guarantee that the IRS might not attempt to "look through" the Canadian corporation on the death of the individual.

The potential estate tax consequences for Candians with U.S. assets are obviously too important to be ignored. Individuals who find themselves in this situation should take note and obtain competent advice.

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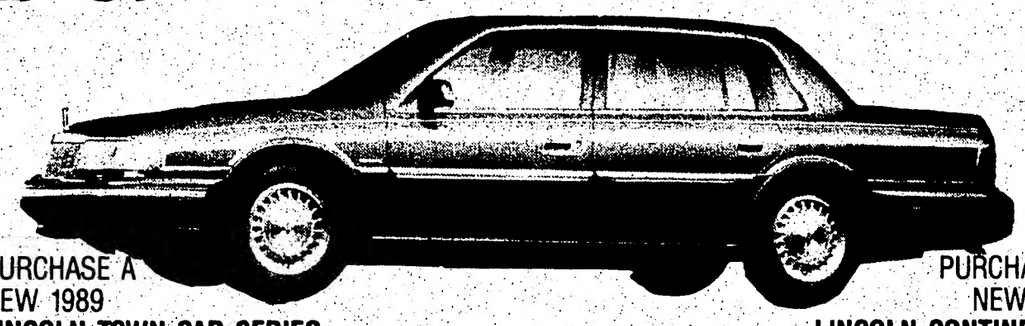
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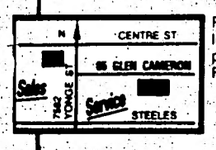

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Business Outlook

Tax incentives available for investors in Israel

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Numerous tax and other incentives exist for Canadians looking to invest in Israel, say three experts.

"At the moment I think there's a favorable climate for investments and there's an upsurge in them," said Michael Kevehazi, the managing partner of Israel's Kesselman and Kesselman accounting firm.

Kevehazi, an accountant, cited four key incentives for Canadians interested in investing in the Jewish state.

They include grants offered by the Israeli government for approved enterprises, research and development, and infrastructure.

Foreign investors also receive "highly favorable" tax rates, including the possibility of having tax free status for a period of years, Kevehazi said.

A number of real estate tax breaks also exist in Israel, he added.

For example, an individual purchasing property in the Jewish state can be free of all taxes — including capital gains tax — if the purchase is made for his own use.

In commercial investments, substantial tax reductions are offered if the property is residential, Kevehazi said.

Major tax reductions are also available if the property is used for ap-

Michael Kevehazi

proved industrial purposes, he added.

Israel Mida, Coopers & Lybrand Canada's liaison partner for the State of Israel, said Canadians investing in Israel also receive favorable tax breaks as a result of a treaty from Canada and Israel.

"Canada has a very favorable tax treaty with Israel which reduces withholding tax rates on interest and dividends to 15%," the Toronto tax specialist said.

Normal withholding tax is 25%, he said.

The treaty also has a "tax sparing" clause which ensures that any tax incentives obtained in Israel remain tax free when the profits are brought back to Canada, Mida said.

Tax incentives include reduced tax rates for foreigners investing in approved enterprises to as low as 10%, compared to a normal rate of about 45%, he said.

"As in Canada, tax planning is possible and any investor should obtain advice on the best structure for his investment before it's made."

Meanwhile, Gabriel Levy, Israel's economic minister to North America, said Canadian investors can benefit from Israel's Free Trade Agreement with Europe in which Israeli products enter duty free.

Canadians can increase exports to Europe by manufacturing part of a product at home and then sending it to Israel where "sufficient" work of about one-third, including research and development, is added to make it qualify as an Israeli product, said the former business lawyer, who's posted in New York.

From there, the product can enter Europe without duty.

And in any new operations established in Israel, investors meeting specific zoning requirements can receive a 40% capital grant or an optional tax exemption for up to 10 years, Levy added.

"Now is the time to consider investing in Israel not only from a Jewish point of view, but as a challenge from an economic point of view."

Levy, Mida and Kevehazi recently spoke on foreign investment issues at two seminars hosted by Israel Bonds in conjunction with the Israel Economic Mission to Canada.

Other speakers at the events at the Holiday Inn Yorkdale, included Udi Sheintal, Israel Trade Commissioner to Canada; Marvin Martenfeld, chairman of Bonds' accountants' division, and Fred Guth, chairman of Bonds' builders' division.

New human resources tool seeks to improve firms' efficiency

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

There is a human resource tool on the market that will increase productivity, reduce turnover and provide companies with the criteria required to match the right person to the right job.

"I'm not marketing a psychological test that is stigmatizing or threatening," said Alice Zimmerman, the 31-year-old president of Komprox Inc., a consulting firm specializing in marketing training and development packages.

"There is no pass or no fail. All the questions are job-related."

Toronto-based Komprox is marketing a program called Profile Management Evaluations, based on psychological testing in the United States. She has modified it for the Canadian market by analyzing job descriptions and profiling top employees.

The questions measure mental alertness, business terms, knowledge of current events, vocabulary, scanning accuracy and mechanical interests. It also covers 10 personality dimensions.

A University of Toronto psychology and psychometrics graduate, Zimmerman says it is better to rely on years of psychological testing research as an aid to recruitment and succession planning since the statistics show that choosing without such tools is unsuccessful.

"A janitor is just as important as a president," said Zimmerman in her downtown office recently. "The overall company dynamics and the family atmosphere created is what makes a job pleasant and efficient . . . or not."

An avid believer in Alvin Toffler's book The Information Age, Zimmerman says it is vital to maximize the growth potential of your staff, to train and develop employees, and when hiring, to give them the right channels of stimulation.

"We are marketing a training and development

Alice Zimmerman

program that identifies one's weaknesses immediately prior to hire, rather than finding out a person is unsuitable three months later," said Zimmerman, who worked as an educational consultant for a Metro school board for seven years prior to opening Komprox one year ago.

"It's a job-fit, job-match program. It identifies everything below the tip of the iceberg — beneath the external surface, the eye contact, and the correct business attire."

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"According to our research, a great sales person often does not make a good manager," said Zimmerman, whose scientific approach runs counter to interviewing and hiring on "gut" feeling.

"The Komprox Profile Evaluation is now an integral part of our personnel recruitment process," said Rosemary Fair, personnel manager of Carousel Travel.

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Jim Griffiths, training manager of Factory Carpet Floor Fashions, said: "The cost of hiring and training new personnel is considerable. With the Komprox Profile and a set of standards of comparison the savings should be substantial."

The program is available as part of a computer-based package, including a manual and a hard disk with questionaires. An in-house Komprox programmer is on staff as well. Costs vary according to the services required.

In the first two months of business, Zimmerman had a client list of 20. Now 10 months later, her portfolio includes 237 companies of all sizes that span the accountancy, automotive, banking, franchising, grocery, high tech, insurance, manufacturing, retail, service and travel industries.

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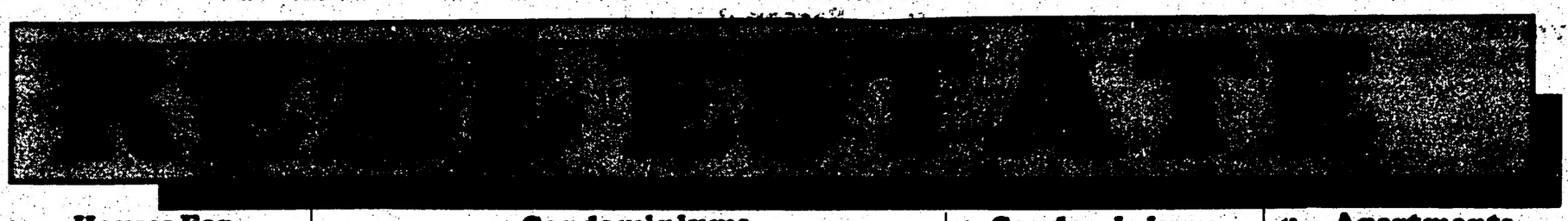

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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **William (Bill) Shankman** will take place on Sunday, June 4, 1989, 10:00a.m. at Pardes Shalom cemetery, Temple Sinai section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

5,000 snapshots found at Auschwitz

Film preserves victims' identity

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Imagine yourself caught up in a wartime civilian evacuation. You are only allowed a few kilos of baggage including food. You don't know where you're going, when you'll return or if you'll ever see your loved ones again.

These are the self-selected photos which people couldn't live without, the images of those who mattered most, producer Ann Weiss told an overflow audience recently in an emotional introduction to the Canadian premiere of her film *Eyes from the Ashes*, based on a cache of 5,000 snapshots she found at the Auschwitz museum in October, 1986.

Weiss, a Philadelphia photojournalist, called it "beshert" (fated) that through an extraordinary series of coincidences she should be shown these locked away pictures. By a fluke considering the millions deported to Auschwitz, a survivor standing next to her recognized some of the faces as being from his home town of Bendzin, Poland, a city with a pre-war Jewish population of 35,000.

That fateful meeting changed her life; for the last 2½ years, Weiss — the daughter of Holocaust survivors — has devoted herself to researching and documenting the photographs, "putting a name to the faces so that they shouldn't be lost in oblivion."

With the cooperation of Auschwitz museum authorities, Weiss returned with the necessary photographic gear to reproduce 200 of the anonymous pictures. Nothing was known of their provenance. Judging from the absence of Star of David badges on the subjects' clothing, most of the photographs predate the war. The people appear happy and healthy.

Archives director Tadeus Iwaska speculated that a member of the Auschwitz underground working at a sorting warehouse had saved the photos — whose value was sentimental rather than monetary — from the routine destruction of deportees' worthless personal possessions. His identity and motives remain unknown.

Perhaps recognizing his own family, he glued the pictures in makeshift albums made of accounting ledger pages marked with pale pink and blue lines.

After the Red Army liberated the Nazi concentration camp in January 1945, an unknown soldier took these albums as a souvenir. They were returned from the Soviet Union when the Auschwitz Museum was organized in the 1950s, but remained unknown in the West until Weiss produced her 15-minute video.

In just one more in the extraordinary chain of events surrounding *Eyes from the Ashes*, Jenny Eisenstein, an Auschwitz survivor today living in Toronto, came up to Weiss after the screening to identify some of the faces, confirming that the photos arrived on the transports liquidating the last ghettoes of Upper Silesia in August, 1943.

Premiere in Jerusalem

Pointing out friends from Bendzin, she identified Nachum and Tova (nee Stavski) Gitler and their baby who had been living in Palestine but returned to the safety of Poland in 1938 when Mrs. Gitler became pregnant. Both mother and child were gassed while the husband survived and is today living in Coconut Creek, Fla., she said.

Eyes from the Ashes had its world premiere in Jerusalem at an international gathering of the children of Holocaust survivors held last December. Toronto Jewish Congress' Second Generation Committee, a part of TJC's Holocaust Remembrance Committee, invited Weiss here to present her movie.

Show how they lived

Weiss plans to expand her film into an hour-length feature interspersing interviews with survivors who will discuss the individuals they recognize in the photos.

"These pictures — of children holding special candy cones to mark their first day at school, of wedding portraits filled with organza and lace, of pious patriarchs with their long beards, and teen-age members of Zionist groups — show how people lived rather than how they died.

"They individualize the loss. It is not enough to say 'six million.' The loss is six million times one. We must remember individuals, not a mass too large to fathom. It is a loss of individuals that will be incalculable to the end of days."

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Sharing the podium with Ann Weiss was Manfred Klafter, the chairman of Amcha, a psychological support group for Holocaust survivors in Israel and their children.

A former Dutch resistance fighter interred in the Westerbork concentration camp, Klafter related the psychological difficulties many survivors face as they grow older.

There are 75,000 Holocaust survivors in Israel today, 60% of whom live in the Tel Aviv area, said Klafter. "Their problems are increasing with aging, not diminishing, especially following the death of a spouse," he explained.

The child orphans — those aged between 3 and 15 during the war years — are the most problematic group. Many of these people, today between 47- and 59-year old, were traumatized by their experience of being passed from foster home to foster home, Klafter noted.

Amcha in Hebrew literaiy means "your people." But in Yiddish folklore, the term is a password to identity, a furtively whispered 1-word question to ascertain if someone is Jewish. Amcha reflects the sensitivities of the common survivor, Klafter said, "those who can't cope with the past and have nobody to talk to, those for whom Yom Hashoa is not enough."

Established in 1979 to aid Dutch survivors in Israel, Amcha found a pressing need for help among all survivor groups and two years ago was forced to expand its services.

Funded by the Dutch government, various Christian charities and Friends of Amcha chapters in Western Europe, the agency offers psychotherapeutic treatment and counselling, both for individuals and groups. Their psychologists deal with problems before they develop into mental illness requiring psychiatric care.

Many of the 125,000 children of Holocaust survivors in Israel have consciously assumed their parents suffering, Klafter said. They especially benefit from Amcha's group psychotherapy. Group meetings are also held for those incapable of talking to their children.

"We shouldn't stigmatize the survivor," Klafter said. "The fact that he has a tatoo on his arm does not mean he has a number on his soul."

For further information on a Canadian Friends of Amcha now being formed, contact Lili Fournier at 488-4488.

Eye Institute honors memory of Bochner

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

At 40 Prince Arthur Ave. at the corner of Bedford Rd. in downtown Toronto, a gracious old home has been renovated and dedicated in memory of one of Canada's revered pioneer ophthalmologists.

The Maxwell K. Bochner Eye Institute was established recently as a tribute to the ophthalmic surgeon who was a trailblazer in the field of eye care. He was known as a caring doctor with exceptional surgical skills, and recognized throughout the country for his innovative procedures.

The Institute was founded by his son-in-law Dr. Harold Stein, Dr. Albert Cheskes, and his grandson, Dr. Raymond Stein.

Dr. Harold Stein says the Institute was established to promote clinical excellence in the care and management of patients suffering eye disorders, to provide an educational facility for the publication of books and articles, to promote clinical and other research in cornea, external diseases and contact lense use, and to provide surgical facilities for the latest in anterior segment surgery including cataracts, corneal transplants and refractive surgery.

Born at the turn of the century, Bochner attended Jarvis Collegiate, graduated in medicine in 1923 and did postgraduate studies in ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania.

He opened an ophthalmic practice in 1929 on Bloor St. at St. George where he built up a flourishing practice. Patients would come from all parts of Canada and the United States for diagnosis and treatment.

He was appointed chief of ophthalmology and chief of staff at both the Mount Sinai Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital which later became the Scarborough General Hospital. He held these positions for more than three decades and he was the first person in his profession to occupy these positions in two major hospitals at the same time.

In 1959, Dr. Harold Stein, a native of Niagara Falls, joined his father-in-law's practice after completing his training in ophthalmology at the University of Toronto and the Mayo Clinic Eye Department in Rochester, Minn. As well, he served as a resident in Plastic Surgery at Oxford, England.

Requiring a larger facility for their expanding practices, the ophthalmologists moved to the Park Plaza Hotel.

When Bochner retired due to ill health in 1966, Cheskes, who graduated from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1961 and also trained at the Mayo Clinic, entered the partnership.

Last year, when Bochner's grandson Raymond completed his extensive studies (he is also an alumnus of the Mayo Clinc), including a fellowship in cornea at Wills Eye Institute in Philadelphia, he joined his father and Cheskes.

With more and more demand for ophthalmic services, the three doctors decided to move to the Prince Arthur location, to be named in honor of the grand old man of ophthalmology.

Founders of the Maxwell K. Bochner Eye Institute — (from left) Doctors Harold Stein, Raymond Stein and Albert Cheskes — perepare to mount the picture of Dr. Bochner at the entrance to the new eye institute.

At the dedication of the Bochner Eye Institute, Dr. Harold Stein said that to both his colleagues and friends, Bochner is remembered for his wise counselling, inspiration and compassion.

At the entrance of the Eye Institute, you are greeted by a picture of Dr. Bochner. The high ceilings, stained glass windows and oak staircases remain, and modern functional furnishings and selected reproductions have been added to the facility which houses numerous programs for preventative medicine, active treatment, and research and educational activities.

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Dr. Harold Stein, who initiated many of the training programs, has published numerous books and articles and he is frequently a guest lecturer. At the time of writing of this article, he was a guest lecturer at the Cairo Ophthalmological Society.

He is a past president of the Canadian Ophthalmological Society and the first Canadian to serve as president of the Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists, U.S.A.

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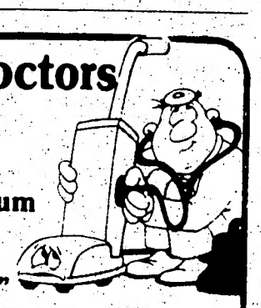
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